

Scattered about. Seems to fit what's happening in the world today, doesn't it? There's a Greek word for it – diaspora – which does literally mean scattered about. Specifically, though, it is often used to describe different points in Jewish history when God's people were scattered. Whether they were in exile, or the temple was torn down and they had nowhere to gather. A lot of religious leaders (Thomas and I included) have been using it to describe our experience today, as our faith community, city, state, country, and world are at various stages of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

It doesn't matter who you are or where you are – life today is different than it was a month ago, week ago, yesterday. Lots of things have changed – our calendars are less full, our everyday patterns are adjusted, and our methods of communicating are different. For the faith community, it means livestreaming services, zoom Bible studies and gatherings, Marco Polo conversations

for our children, and phone calls to connect. When faced with being creative, we have been creative.

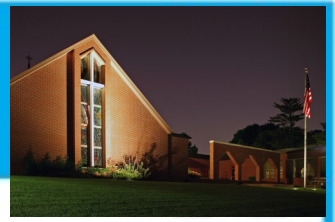
Yes, we've been worshipping, and we will continue to worship. It's been fun to read who is joining for worship – a virtual coffee hour of sorts! It's also been exciting to be able to watch and participate in worship services from churches of friends and loved ones. Virtual gatherings has made a reality out of the “church without walls” vision of a church united by our faith in God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. And I do hope we are able to continue this, maybe by a celebration/remembrance Sunday when we worship from home and connect virtually.

And yet...

... with all these additions of ministries, there's one thing I hope we never lose, or take for granted....

... gathering together for worship.

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The essential staff has come to the sanctuary to lead worship over the past three Sundays. (Staying 6 feet apart, even if it doesn't always look like it on the screen!) What has been a gathering place for weddings, funerals, baptisms, holy observances, and weekly worship has been empty. Here's what I miss:

I miss knowing who has returned from their winter travels, how they got here, if they are safe, and how their time away was.

I miss shaking hands (or rubbing elbows) before and after worship.

I miss the chatter, laughter, sneezing, and occasional phone ring in worship!

I miss passing the peace.

I miss your smiles!

I miss hearing what is going on in your lives (although at this point, maybe it doesn't feel like much).

Pretty much, I miss you. I miss being the Body of Christ with you. I am heartened

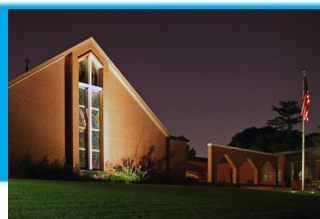
that we can worship in a church without walls and am willing to do this while we need to. For me, there will never be a substitute for seeing you in person.

This edition of the newsletter has some ways we hope to connect and be together in the days and weeks to come while we are physically scattered. For the latest information, we once again refer you to our website (www.eastridge.org) and our Facebook page (Eastridge Presbyterian Church).

Like the Apostle Paul writing to the congregations he loved, we know the longing to be gathered together in person as the Body of Christ. Until then, I leave you with these words from Genesis 31:29, "May God watch over you and me while we are absent [physically] from one another."

In the power of the Spirit that unites us,
Melodie





March 18, 2020

Hello to all the friends and family members of Eastridge Presbyterian Church,

Earlier this year, we began our Wednesday night GiFT faith formation evenings with these words of scripture, “But now, says the Lord—

the one who created you, Jacob,

the one who formed you, Israel:

Don’t fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.”

These words have brought me comfort for most of my career now, as I have used them at baptisms, weddings, confirmations, and funerals. I use them now, hoping they provide comfort and grounding for us all during this unusual COVID-19, coronavirus pandemic.

“Out of an abundance of caution...” these words are being used by many government and private organizations as we face the changes we are being asked to make. Now, I join in using them, in regard to some changes being made at Eastridge Church.

In light of the latest guidelines given by the CDC, our President, Governor, and Mayor, we are closing the office and moving our ministries online.

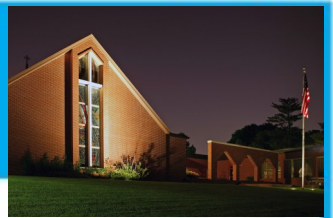
We ask for your patience with us as we do this. We love our church and our ministries! Our Bible studies, groups, worship services, meals, gatherings...all of these connections are important to who God has called us to be as a community of

faith. At our weekly staff meeting yesterday, we brainstormed ways we can each use technology to connect, in voice, image, and spirit, if not in proximity.

After much discussion, we determined that it is best to direct everyone to two main sources for information online: our website (eastridge.org) and our Facebook Page (Eastridge Presbyterian Church). We have changed the format for our website so you will be able to see the latest – worship service, announcement, Bible study, etc. We will also continue to post on our Facebook page.

We will also be utilizing zoom for regular meetings like session, deacons, committees, small groups, Book studies, Faith Connection for children and youth. If you are part of one of these groups, information will be sent to you via e-mail with a link to join. Zoom is free! All you need is a free account. We will then “host” the meeting, so you’ll have no worries.

As I record this, we have a team of deacons and elders working on forming a phone call system so we can check in with you often. One of my primary concerns is for those who feel isolated, and are now even more isolated. If you would like to help by calling someone on the phone, please contact Donna Gustafson, Cathy Schapmann, or Greg Tubach. We are also working with some deacons and volunteers to be tech help on the phone, guiding members with questions through the steps to join zoom, make a Facebook account, or find us online.



Worship will continue to be livestreamed, one service every week at 10 am. We are working on how to get the worship materials to you, but will likely continue to e-mail a “worship packet” on Friday, with the prayers, songs, and lamp included.

We are dedicated to continuing the Food Pantry distribution as long as possible, however, we are in desperate need of help to keep it going. We are looking for folks who are not in the at risk category who can help deliver the food on Monday mornings and distribute the food during the week. If you are interested and able to do this, please use the sign up link on the website.

With the office closed, there will be many things we are figuring out. Donna will still likely check into the office in person, however, we are trying to limit contact with her. If you have something to drop off please either put it in the office mailbox, or on the Welcome Center Desk. If you see her in the office, please honor the restrictions in place. We are trying to keep everyone safe. Kris and Brian will be working primarily from home as well, and can be reached by e-mail.

John, Vince, Will, Brent, Jenny, Chase, Brett and Andy will all still be working in their usual capacities...in different ways. All of our staff are pulling together as a team!

Thomas and I realize the challenges this places in our ability to connect with you all for pastoral care. For the foreseeable future, we are both working exclusively from home. We are happy to

meet virtually (Zoom, Facebook, Facetime) or by phone (using our cell phones). Because we have children out of school and spouses at home as well, we are asking that you first make an appointment with us so we can schedule time to be as present as possible.

Finally, it is important that we all take care of ourselves and our neighbors by following the guidelines we are given. We can all help #flattenthecurve or even #lessthecurve by sheltering in place and staying home.

Please keep our world, country, President, Governor, Mayor, and all those working to help us shelter in place and stay home in your prayers. May God be between you and me until we meet again. Amen.

Melodie Jones Pointon





EASTRIDGE HOSPICE SINGERS UPDATE

Just like all other groups related to our community of faith, our hospice singing visits have been placed “on hold” for the time being. We are missing the opportunity to sing for our hospice clients and look forward to the time when we can once again visit them as they have become very special to us.

Since beginning our hospice singing journey in December 2018, we have had the honor of providing music for 110 singing visits. The requests for our visits have grown

exponentially since the new year began with 15 visits taking place in January, 17 in February and 8 during just the first week in March. One can see we are keeping very busy with this music ministry of our church. It has truly been, and we pray it will continue to be, a blessing to everyone on “both sides of the music”.

Once we are allowed to visit hospice clients once again, feel free to contact Patty Niemann at epc.hospice.singers@gmail.com or 402-432-8353 or the church office at 402-488-7844 to request and schedule a singing visit for a family member or a friend who are in hospice care.

The ministry of the Eastridge Hospice Singers is to bring the peace and comfort of music to those journeying through hospice care. Along with this, our mission is to provide better understanding of what hospice “is” and what hospice “isn’t”. Below you will find myths surrounding hospice and facts to better clarify this often-misunderstood practice.

MYTH: Enrolling in hospice means “giving up” on living.

FACT: Enrolling in hospice is choosing to focus on the quality of life and focused care. Hospice professionals receive training to assist patients to live their lives fully and completely while helping to manage pain and symptoms until the end of their lives.

MYTH: Hospice means “nothing more can be done”.

FACT: When a cure is no longer an option, there is still a great deal that can be done to control symptoms and provide care, comfort and support. The hospice interdisciplinary team will include physicians, nurses, hospice aides, social workers, spiritual advisors, bereavement counselors and trained volunteers.

MYTH: To be eligible for hospice, a person has to be in the final stages of dying.

FACT: To be eligible for hospice, a physician must certify that a person has six months or

less to live should their disease progress as medically expected.

MYTH: To receive hospice care, I will have to leave my home and live in an inpatient facility.

FACT: Hospice is not a place. It is a service. Hospice patients may receive hospice services wherever they wish including in their own homes or the home of a family member or friend.

MYTH: Hospice care is expensive. I and/or my family won’t be able to afford it.

FACT: Hospice is often available at little or no cost to the patient. Hospice is a covered benefit under Medicare and many private insurance companies.

MYTH: If it’s time for hospice, my doctor will talk to me about it.

FACT: Many doctors wait for the patient and/or their family to bring up hospice leading to late enrollment. Families and patients often wish they had enrolled in hospice sooner.

MYTH: Hospice is just for the patient.

FACT: Hospice focuses on providing comfort, dignity and support to the patient and their loved ones. Quality of life and care for all concerned is the highest of priorities.

MYTH: Hospice care is only for those with

cancer.

FACT: Hospice is a philosophy of care designed for patients with a life-limiting illness not matter the illness.

MYTH: Hospice is only for the elderly.

FACT: Hospice is provided for anyone facing a life-limiting illness, regardless of age.

MYTH: Once you choose hospice, you can’t change your mind or seek a cure.

FACT: Hospice patients always have the right at any time and for any reason to return to medical care that focuses on curing their disease. **MYTH:** All hospice providers are pretty much the same.

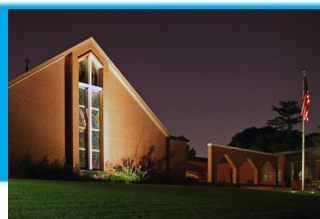
FACT: Hospice providers are independent from one another. They can be for profit or not-for-profit and can provide a wide range of different services. If possible, it is advisable to interview several hospice providers to better match a patient’s end of life wishes and expectations.

MYTH: After the patient’s death, hospice care ends.

FACT: Bereavement services and grief support are available to family members if participation in these services is desired.

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Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and healthy-physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Usually I wrote my occasional newsletter entry as your Director of Music Ministries. I wanted to highlight how music will be integrated in online worship as we move forward for the foreseeable future.

On Sunday March 29th our Choral Scholars, Kris Brenneis, Hope Shortridge, Patty Niemann, Diane Eaton, Brent Shaw, and myself led a nearly 4 hour recording session to record special music, choral anthems, and hymns to have after Easter Sunday. Vince Ruhl, our audio engineer, will edit nearly 40 pieces of music for us to use. Hymns and special music will be "inserted" into the livestream, much like we

have already seen from Pastor Thomas' sermon two weeks ago and Kris Adler-Brammer's worship connection for children. Hymns will only include one verse for the meanwhile.

Please do extend a thank you to the above mentioned musicians who graciously learned a lot of music within a week so that we can have many weeks of music during worship. Brent and myself would never be able to pull off such a feat without their help.

Hear these words of encouragement from hymn #250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower: "there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see".

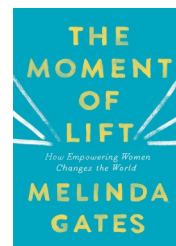
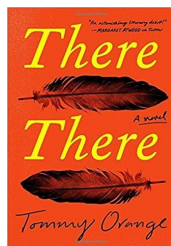
Peace, Brian

Annual Spring Clean Up: Our yearly spring clean up is CANCELLED this year.

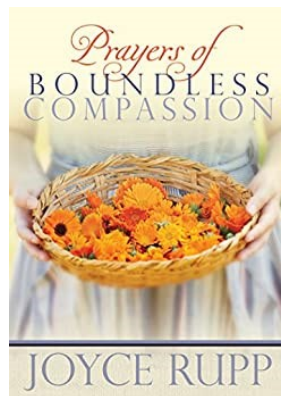
We're looking for volunteers to help out at our Eastridge Food Pantry (not in the "at risk" group). Please check out our Eastridge website under Serve, then Food Pantry to sign up!



EPC Book Club: Join us on Monday, May 11 via Zoom to discuss both April and May selections: *There, There* by Tommy Orange; and *The Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates. Bring your ideas for next year's selections to our May meeting!



Many of the prayers used in our worship this Lent are written by Joyce Rupp, and can be found in *Prayers of Boundless Compassion* (Ave Maria Press). Members of our congregation have contributed to the prayers of confession for some of the services.

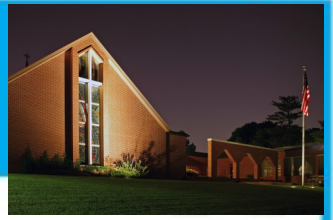


Our deacons and other church members are reaching out via phone calls over the next days. This is a way to stay connected during this time! Please email the church if your phone number has changed (don't call).



Most of our Bible studies and other groups are meeting via Zoom during this time! Check out the church website and/or Facebook page for more info, or email the office.





We presume that we must wait for a tree to grow. This is true also with our desire to be persons who contribute to a lessening of the world's suffering. Compassion is the photosynthesis of the heart.

It too requires the slow, trusting process of waiting for change to occur. We cannot hurry this transformation, but we can give ourselves to it as fully as possible, knowing that it entails a continual recommitment.

Rupp, Joyce. Boundless Compassion (p. 145). Ave Maria Press. Kindle Edition.

Exploring your inner world, the relationships you form with all that arises in your body, heart, and mind, you discover a microscopic view of the relationship you form with all of life. Within this inner world, you sow the seeds of the compassionate heart or the alienated heart. In your relationship to your pain and sorrow, you cultivate the patience, forgiveness, and understanding that inform your relationship with all pain and sorrow.

Rupp, Joyce. Boundless Compassion (p. 145). Ave Maria Press. Kindle Edition.

We need a God who knows about pain. . . . It is not all that popular an idea, even among Christians. We prefer a God who prevents suffering, only that is not the God we have got. What the cross teaches us is that God's power is not the power to force human choices and end human pain. It is, instead, the power to pick up the shattered pieces and make something holy out of them—not from a distance but right close up.

Barbara Brown Taylor. God in Pain: Teaching Sermons on Suffering (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998), 118.

Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human.

Hans J. Nouwen, Compassion (New York, NY: Doubleday, 1984), 100.

Love is a spiritual practice. It doesn't happen automatically. We have to practice loving.

Macrina Wiederkehr, Abide: Keeping Vigil with the Word of God (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2011), 49.

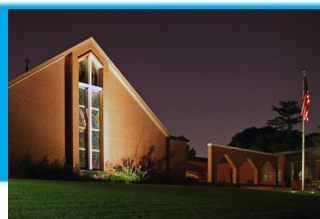
STILL COMING! Since a snowstorm cut into our original Lifetouch photography sessions, Lifetouch will allow those of you who couldn't make it to your session another chance to be included in the Eastridge directory. We will have access to the sign up at Indian Hills Community Church makeup sessions. **Due to the COVID-10 restrictions, this will happen at a later date.** More info to come!

Lifetouch.

Talk Heart 2 Heart: Eastridge Faith Partners recommends this site for parents!

www.talkheart2heart.org. There is a Facebook page as well.



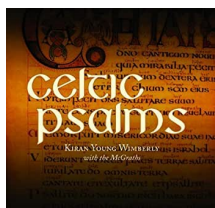


Join us for worship this Holy Week!

- ♦ **Palm Sunday**, April 5, Livestreaming at 10 am
- ♦ **Maundy Thursday**, April 9, Zoom service with the Lord's Supper at 7 pm (use whatever bread and juice you have available in your house)
- ♦ **Good Friday**, April 10, Livestreaming at 7 pm
- ♦ **Easter Sunrise**, April 12, Streaming at 6:30 am
- ♦ **Easter Service**, April 12, Livestreaming at 10 am



For links to the worship services, check out our webpage (www.eastridge.org) or our Facebook page (Eastridge Presbyterian Church). You can also subscribe to our Youtube Channel, Eastridge Presbyterian bit.ly/eastridgeyoutube.



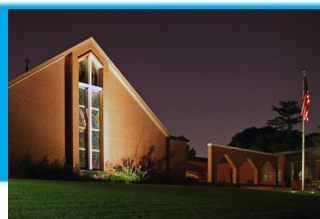
STUDIES COMING AFTER EASTER (via Zoom) : **Matthew on Monday** -- weekly walk through the first gospel. Mondays at 9:00 am. Led by Pastor Thomas Dummermuth.

Psalms and Song - a study of the Psalms using the music of Celtic Psalms: Rest in the Shelter by Kiran Young Wimberly and the McGraths . Thursdays at 10:00 am. Led by Pastor Melodie Jones Pointon.

Those interested in either study please register by sending an email to office@eastridge.org

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received during the season of Lent (Feb 26-Apr 12). OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.





Logging in to Access ACS:

- Go to www.eastridge.org
- Click on "Member Weblinks" at the bottom left corner of the page. Then click on orange box that says "Member Login".
- Click on "Need a login? Click here". This will ask you to add your email and name. You'll create a login with a password, and can then log in anytime to this screen (below). It shows groups, your giving, a church directory, calendar, and available registrations:

The ChurchLife app is for iPhones, and is basically the same information.



More opportunities for serving at The Gathering Place! We are asking you to sign up to serve a weekend meal at

The Gathering Place! Right now, we just have two dates in April. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, this is packing and distributing only. Non at-risk volunteers, please. Check out the sign up that arrived via email (Constant Contact) recently. We hope to have it on the website soon as well.



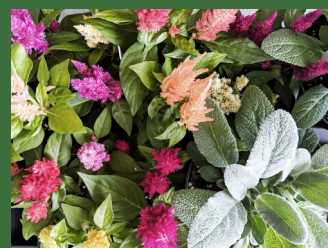
PALM SUNDAY: Please join us in waving your palm branch on Sunday morning, April 5! Even though we are not together, we invite you

to print out and color a palm branch arriving via email (just like the newsletter...via Constant Contact). You might cut it out and wave it along during the prelude or color and place it in your front window. Share your palm branch creations with us by posting a picture on the Eastridge Facebook page.

Kris Adler-Brammer, Children and Youth Ministries

EASTER FLOWERS:

Some of you donated Easter flowers/lilies prior to COVID-19 restrictions stopped us from meeting for worship in person. Our plan is to purchase flowers when we are all together "in person" in worship again! We hope it will be soon, but are mindful that it may be awhile. If you have any questions, please email the church office.





EASTRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met on March 12, 2020, in a special meeting to discuss the church's action plan concerning the COVID-19 (coronavirus) restrictions and guidelines. Many of the decisions made at that meeting were then reevaluated at the regular Session meeting on March 19, 2020.

Worship services are now livestreamed. Confirmation has been postponed. Lenten services on Wednesday are available as a livestream or as a Zoom meeting. Employees will be encouraged to work from home if possible.

The Session is aware that pledges may not be paid if members are off work. We may take a special offering or borrow from the Memorial and Endowment funds. We will continue to encourage members to donate online. Information about this option will be included with the first quarterly statements.

The A+ Academy plans to remain open.

Pastoral care will continue by telephone.

At the March 19, 2020, meeting, the Session approved the minutes of the Session meeting of February 20, 2020, and the special Session meeting of March 12, 2020.

The Session affirmed that communion was served at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services on March 1, 2020.

Rev. Jones Pointon reported on the church's continuing plans related to the coronavirus pandemic. The church office will be closed to the public. Donna will work at home when she has the capability. Other staff are working from their homes. Meetings are taking place using Zoom. Kris Adler-Brammer used Zoom to contact middle school students and plans to contact high school students next week. Pastoral staff are not allowed to go to hospitals or facilities, so they are keeping in touch using other methods. Holy week services will be livestreamed.

The Deacons are returning to a parish model to be able to check in on members. People who can provide help with technology to other members are also being recruited.

The Trustees discussed the 56th Street sign. Concrete repairs will be made when the schedule allows. The humidity level in the sanctuary has been checked to see if it is affecting the pews. The humidity level is within the proper range. The board will check to see if there is a warranty for the pews.

The Hunger Action Board is addressing changes needed during the coronavirus pandemic. Food will be distributed in boxes and clients will be asked to remain in their cars. More volunteers are needed to help pack boxes.

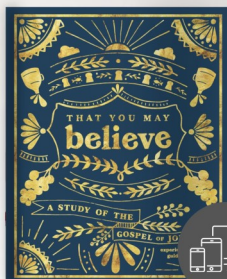
Bistro Theology
FAITH. DRINKS. DISCUSSION. QUESTIONS.

When: Thursday,
April 30 @ 7 pm

Where: via Zoom!

Come join us for great conversations about stuff that matters.

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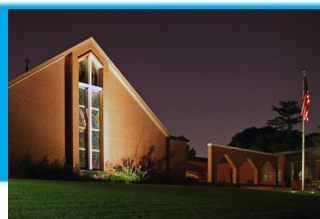
The Wednesday morning bible study group is starting the book *That You May Believe: a study of the Gospel of John*. We will continue to meet via Zoom for now.



Make a Joyful Noise!

Eastridge has proven time and again how much our congregation values music as one means of worship

through both services. One of the ways we achieve this is through our choral scholars. These college students receive a stipend each semester to help round out the beautiful sounds of our choir! This year, the Worship and Music Advisory Committee has a new way to raise funds for continuing the choral scholar program. Every month where there are 5 Sundays, we will do a special time where we can make a Joyful Noise! We ask that you bring any and all spare change to throw in a tin and pass around to make as much noise as possible in support of our Choral Scholar Program! March 29 is the first 5th Sunday of the calendar year- so bring your extra change to make lots of Joyful Noise so we can continue to bring in joyful voices to make music and worship with us! TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED



Ministry NEWS

The list of things that have been uprooted right now are probably longer than we can count. As I think about the ways life has been disrupted, I can't stop thinking about our High School Seniors and College students. Below is a real and beautiful prayer written by Rev. Ashley-Anne Masters who is the Director of Presbyterian Campus Ministry at NC State University in Raleigh, NC. I invite you to pray this prayer as our young adults wonder "what now."

God of acceptance letters, scholarships and internships, we ask you to comfort:

Those whose "best years of their lives" were uprooted.

Those who dread going home.

Those who are savoring every minute of extra time with family.

Those whose family members are quarantined elsewhere because they were likely exposed.

Those who frantically packed up dorm rooms and said goodbye for now to friends from across parking lots or outside windows.

Those whose graduation celebrations are postponed.

Those who are relieved to have online classes because they already had complex medical issues.

Those who do not feel safe.

Those who wonder how long until they're allowed to study abroad.

Those who are scared they may already have COVID-19.

Those grieving losses that have nothing to do with COVID-19.

Those who barely figured out the first year of college routine, and now have no idea what day it is.

Those who are missing all things typical of senior year.

Those who were accepted to their dream summer jobs, yet now cannot think past April.

Parent of us all, continue to call order out of chaos, calm amid this storm and hope out of despair. Remind us that your love is contagious and unchangeable. With each day, may we be ever more grateful for the privilege of screen fatigue from virtual connections. May modern technology continue to be one of the ties that binds us together. And may we constantly remember that every act of physical distancing is out of our deep commitment to care for each other. Thank you for being in the wilderness with us. "Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days," we beg. Amen.

Keeping our children and youth connected over the past few weeks has definitely been a challenge, and entertaining! Below are some of the things happening to keep us connected.

Children's Ministry:

Worship Connection will continue. It is being recorded so it can be emailed to families to use as a devotion or faith conversations.

Print resources are being emailed to families that can help children follow along with the service.

Prayers/coloring sheets have been emailed to families that can help with faith conversations at home.

We are using the app "Marco Polo" to continue conversations with our children. This is a free app that allows children to record a short video and share it with the group. The app is being used to give the children prompts of what to video each day.

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Youth Ministry — We are meeting via zoom. During our time together, we are checking in with each other, playing games, and doing some short devotions.

The Middle School youth are meeting on Sunday evening and Wednesday afternoon.

The High School youth are meeting on Thursday afternoon.

As the need for virtual connections continue, further exploration will happen for ways to connect with our children and youth and their families. Technology has been wonderful for us to keep in contact with one another. In order for us to keep our chat spaces safe, I will not be publishing links and invitations publicly. The links and invitations will be emailed to families and texted to the youth. If you feel as though the information is not making it to you, please email me at kadlerbrammer@eastridge.org.

~ Kris Adler-Brammer



Eastridge Food Pantry Needs Your Help

The Eastridge Food Pantry is open. The hours continue to be Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. We hope to be able to keep the pantry open to meet the needs of the community as more people may find themselves needing support.

To address the requirements of physical distancing, we have changed the distribution method. Pre-packed boxes of food are available for clients to pick up and place in their cars. **We desperately need more volunteers, however, and some of the volunteer jobs are different than in the past.** We need help stocking the food and packing the boxes. These tasks can be completed by a family or by one or two individuals in the pantry at the same time. We also need help distributing the boxes.

You can sign up for any of these jobs by using the sign-up genius on the church website:

eastridge.org. From the home page, select the “Serve” tab and then select “Food Pantry.” Click on the link to sign up to pack boxes, distribute, or stock shelves.

The pantry will be closed on Easter, April 12, 2020.

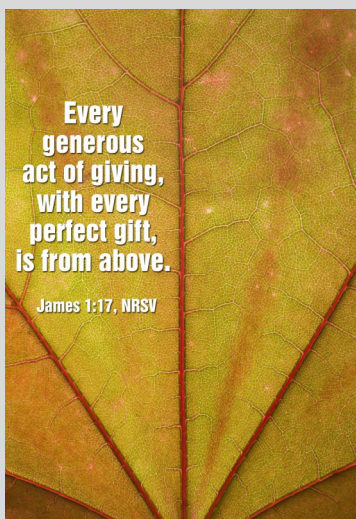
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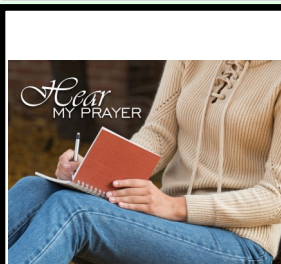
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Thank you to those of you who have either mailed your offering/pledge support to the office, or given electronically during this time of virtual worship! You can give by going to www.eastridge.org and clicking on the SERVE menu, then GIVE TO EASTRIDGE.



There is also a Member Weblinks link at the bottom of the page. Or you can mail it to the office!



Eastridge online devotions: Just a reminder that the daily devotions will be posted with a link on MONDAYS ONLY during Lent. However, once you click on the link, you can scroll to that day's devotion.

Books, Podcasts, and other Media I've referred to in sermons:

Boundless Compassion by Joyce Rupp

Prayers of Boundless Compassion by Joyce Rupp

Prayer Seeds by Joyce Rupp

Hidden Brain: The Influence You Have with Shankar Vedatam (Podcast)

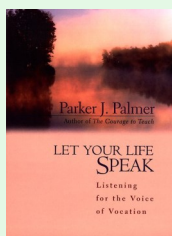
Let Your Life Speak by Parker Palmer

Smithsonian Magazine: Do Trees Talk to Each Other by Richard Grant

Compassion by Henri Nouwen

The Sacred Enneagram by Chris Heuertz

A Mile in My Shoes by Trevor Hudson



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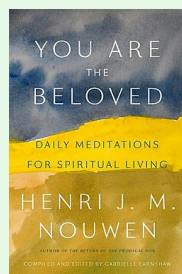
What I'm listening to:

Album: *Look Up Child* by Lauren Daigle

Song: *Kind and Generous* by Natalie Merchant

Song: *Carried Me With You* by Brandi Carlile

Album: *The Beautiful Not Yet* by Carrie Newcomer



Books I have (am) reading:

The Overstory by Richard Powers

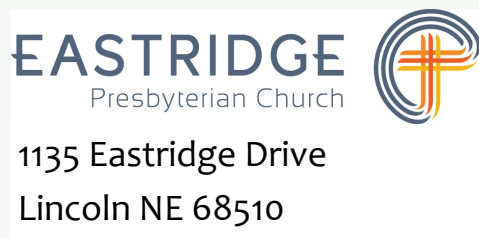
The Storied Life of AJ Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

Hallelujah Anyway by Anne Lamott

You are the Beloved by Henri Nouwen

God's Joyful Surprise by Sue Monk Kidd

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