



The weekly Lamp

Today at Eastridge:

- 9:00 am Worship—IN PERSON (please make reservation)
- 10:00 am Worship—ONLINE
- 10:45 am Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

Eastridge Spring Clean-up: Saturday, April 17 from 10:00 am-Noon

The Eastridge Neighborhood Association will be having their annual spring clean-up at the same time. Located in our Parking Lot:

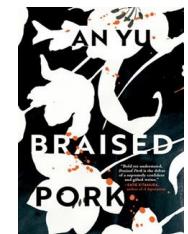
*Two roll-offs if you want to bring items to dispose of from home.

*Goodwill Truck if you have clothing or household items you want to donate.

*Shredder on site from 11:30 am-12:30

At the church, we will rake leaves and cut back perennials around the church and some other general clean-up. Please bring your own rakes and gardening tools, lawn bags will be provided.

EPC Book Club: Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. For a complete list of this year's picks, head to the church website on the calendar page. April pick: *Braised Pork* by An Yu. We will meet April 12 in Huxtable Lounge.



Anti-Racism Taskforce:

In a typical year, the tax season culminates in the April 15th deadline for filing state and national tax returns. Although a later due date has been designated for 2021, we still associate April with "The Tax Man's Coming." Black Americans have experienced the burden and responsibility for paying taxes in a different way than the white majority.

"How the 'Black tax' Impacts Black Wealth, Including my Family," (Lynnette Khalfani-Cox, Vox, Mar 24, 2021). 2019

Federal Reserve data shows the median Black household has a net worth of only \$24,100, a fraction of the \$188,200 in net worth the median white household has.

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"Why Taxes Continue to Be A Sunken Place for African Americans," (Kori Hale, Forbes, July 2020). When tax laws are changed to benefit those who have capital gains, many Black families do not realize any relief because they don't have qualified investments. This is just one example of the regressive nature of taxes based on income.

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"The Black Tax: Cost of Being a Black American," (Shawn Rochester, financial coach and author of book by the same title, 2018, 1:15 hr.). Costs associated with being Black in America, as well as what the Black community and concerned advocates can do to help close the wealth gap are explored.

<https://youtu.be/ow3o8uHVkQ>

"I Need A Dollar," Youtube by Aloe Blacc (2011, 4:02 min.). The ballad of a man looking for a job to just make a dollar.

<https://youtu.be/nFZP8zQ5kzk>



For more opportunities to sign up for **IN-PERSON worship**, click the link below:
<https://rsvp.church/r/eCHViSzo>



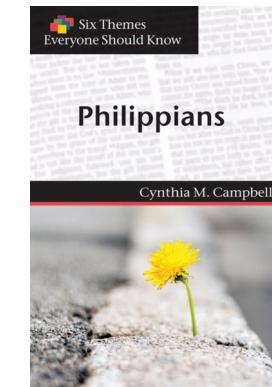
Contact the office (office@eastridge.org) for prayer concerns and requests. You may also call 402-488-7844.

The Gathering Place will be opening again for meal distribution. If you are interested in volunteering, watch for more information sent via email (and here in the Lamp) soon.



New Bible Study: Philippians

When: Thursdays for 6 weeks, started April 8. From 10-11am. Where: Online, via Zoom.



Our study will be guided by Cynthia M. Campbell's short book on Philippians in the Six Themes Everyone Should Know series. Purchase of the book is not required for the study, but please indicate if you would like a personal copy.

Sign up using the following link: <http://bit.ly/studyphil>

For questions, contact pastor Thomas tdummermuth@eastridge.org

EASTRIDGE SIGNS: We've purchased a few more yard signs and they are available in the welcome center. We also still have some laminated 9" x 12" signs available, as well as a new and exciting option: 3" x 4" clings that can be placed in your car, your home, on your water bottle or coffee cup. They will be available this morning, and in the welcome center.

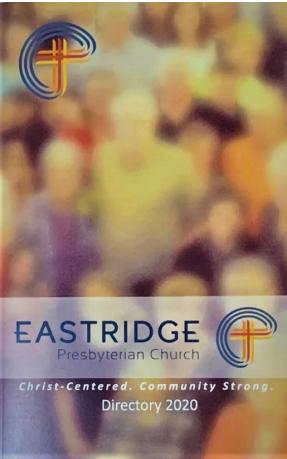
Any of these can be shared with friends and family who are not EPC members.

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Eastridge Church Directory: Thanks to Eastridge member and owner of Print Solutions, Larry Graham, our church directory is now in print and available in the church office! **Free will donations will be accepted to cover the costs of printing.** We will have the directories available at the Welcome Desk. You can contribute online (choose "Free Will Donations" in the pull-down menu) or leave your donation (marked "Free Will Donation: photo directory") in the black inbox just outside office door.

The EPC Hunger Action Board is forming a walking team for the **Food Bank's Extra Mile 2021 Virtual Walk.** This Virtual Walk is a fundraiser for LPS Programs at the Food Bank. If you go to the Food Bank website the teams are listed on the left. You can join the team to walk and/or donate.



YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Online giving (www.eastridge.org)

Income information (general fund):

Year-to-date (April 2) \$ 136,364

Last year at this time: \$ 158,396



City Impact

Eastridge Presbyterian Women Gathering: for April, we will hear from City Impact. Join us on April 21 at 1:00 pm in Huxtable Lounge to hear more, and to join in fellowship with the women of Eastridge.



Check out the screen in the Welcome Center for "**A Pandemic Year at Eastridge**" photo slideshow. If you have photos you'd like to share, send the file to the office.



Interested in membership at Eastridge? We will have a **NEW MEMBER CLASS** soon. If you are interested, please send an email to the office at: office@eastridge.org

Join the women of Eastridge for **Fourth Friday Coffee Fellowship.** Currently, we are meeting via Zoom at 8:30 am the fourth Friday of each month. Contact the office for more information!



Eastridge Church Staff

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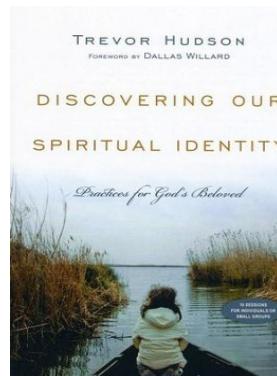
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Meals on Wheels: Meals on Wheels will shift from Eastridge Presbyterian Women to the Hunger Action Board, with Jo Bateman being the contact person. Other than that, our church's participation remains the same, with EPC volunteers delivering meals every month.

We are currently in need of new volunteers to deliver our church's route on the 4th Monday of each month. The time commitment is from a Tabitha arrival time about 10:30 a.m.-10:45 and generally takes no more than 2 hours. If you are interested in being a volunteer, or want more information please contact the church office. It is also helpful to have the names of those available to sub. On behalf of the entire congregation, the Hunger Action Board wants to thank EPW for their many years of leadership in this important ministry. Special thanks to Nan Nelson for her faithful leadership.



BIBLE STUDY NEWS:

The Wednesday morning bible study will start *Discovering Our Spiritual Identity* by Trevor Hudson April 28. We meet each Wednesday at 10:30 am in Huxtable Lounge. For more information, contact the office at: office@eastridge.org

We are always looking for new writers for our **online devotion ministry.** If you are interested in writing, even just occasionally, please contact the office for more information. If you'd like to receive a prompt and the link five days a week via email, let the office know as well.

