

This is what we do – Love unconditionally



Open Minds and Faithful Hearts
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Worship:

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

- [Genesis 45:1-15](#) and [Psalm 133](#) •
- [Isaiah 56:1, 6-8](#) and [Psalm 67](#) •
- [Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32](#) •
- [Matthew 15: \(10-20\), 21-28](#)

Liturgist's Schedule

8.20.23... Diana
8.27.23 ... Greg

We are now scheduling liturgists for September and October. If you wish to volunteer, please call Barb or send an email to: epcbusiness9770@gmail.com Thank you to all who volunteer to be Pastor Jane's liturgy partners for our services each week.



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In addition to our in-church and zoom ministry, we also played a role in worshipping with and at the latest Presbytery meeting. Keep reading...

Claire was asked to play for the 153rd presbytery meeting of the Presbytery Of Middle Tennessee. The meeting was held via zoom, and our technology worked just great to convey the rich sound of our baby grand and Claire's gifted playing. Many comments came in through the chat about how beautifully she played.

Coincidentally, the retirement of Reverend Carol Tate was celebrated on the same day, so it was a special joy that Claire got to play during the worship service in which we honored Carol who is our founding pastor, who



provided our piano, and to whom wonderful music means so much. Our very own Terry gave a fantastic speech highlighting Carol's many accomplishments and how very loved she is by so many.



Thank you Claire and Terry!

Prayer and Praise:



Where two or more are gathered in Christ's name, amazing things happen; Please join us at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary for an hour or so of prayer and worship together as we practice following Christ's example and love each other as Christ loves us.

True prayer is a way of life, not just for use in cases of emergency. Make it a habit, and when the need arises you will be in practice. - Billy Graham

Corinthians 13:13

“And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is Love. ”

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you ... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Outreach:

- Mobile Food Pantry
- Saturday August 19
- Fairview Middle School, 7200 Cumberland Dr. Enter from King Road entrance.
- Workers, please come at 7 am.
- Food Distribution starts at 8 am. (Cars often start lining up by 7:30)



Missions:

Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building

¹Oasis: Why Oasis Matters...

Do you ever wonder what exactly we are supporting when we ask for donations or help make goody bags or ask for meals?

Oasis provides shelter, meals and guidance to many homeless teens and young adults in the Nashville area. It is a year-round commitment but summertime provides some time for extra interactions. Below is another example of what went on this summer at the Oasis Center.

Oasis Transitions: Opportunity NOW



Oasis Center is in its second year of partnering with the Mayor's Office summer youth employment initiative, **Opportunity Now**. Oasis Transitions is providing oversight to the initiative's South Central Zone.

This summer, Transitions helped place 70 young people in paid internships throughout a variety of businesses here in Nashville. This six-week program is a great way for youth, ages 14-18, to gain work experience and learn more about careers they may be interested in pursuing.

Oasis Summer Hot Lunch Delivery

Need ASAP!

- Can you prepare a meal for 10?
- Mission committee is looking for 2 people to bring in a meal that will serve 10 people.



- We have baked spaghetti with salad, bread loaf and dessert. Can you help?
- You can fix it ahead of time and bring it frozen or bring it in freshly made this Sunday. It will be delivered on Monday morning.
- Can you help with delivery?

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²Maple Village:

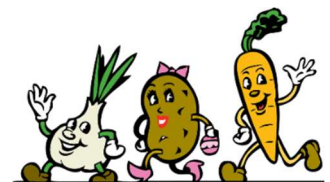
We need



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and deliver them to Maple Village. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in back of the sanctuary. Ask Faith, Ginia or Annalease if you have questions.



Last Sunday's delivery to Maple Village. Thank you Annalease for your help.

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We are also collecting books for the Maple Village residents. This will be a fall delivery which coincides with the Fairview Public Library Book Sale on Aug 24 – 26 (Thurs – Sat). They can be any genre, for men or women, large print or not. They have requested additional reading materials so let's give them a hand. Or a book.

Finance:

In the interest of full disclosure and transparency, there are no financial secrets at EPC. If you ever have any questions about anything dealing with EPC's finances, please contact our church treasurer by any of the following methods:

EPC email for business correspondence should go to epcbusiness9770@gmail.com . General EPC email can be sent to epcnashville@gmail.com (be aware that multiple people have access to this xemail account)

If you need to contact our treasurer about financial business email your question or request to epcbusiness9770@gmail.com

Financial Support:

If you are not able to attend worship service and still wish show your support for Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, you can contribute in the following ways:

- Online—send an electronic payment, your bank can help you set this up if you have questions.
- By Mail – our mailing address is EPC, 9770 Hwy 96, Nashville, TN 37221
- Through EPC’s website www.epcnashville.com or www.epcnashville.org. Simply click on the “GIVE” button, then the “Donate” button, to donate via PayPal or debit/credit card. This can be a one-time donation or can be set up as a monthly donation.

Fellowship:

August 27 is going to be a day to remember.

- Karen and Fred will be renewing their wedding vows as part of the worship service,
- Stay after service to meet their family, offer congratulations and celebrate with cake and champagne and sparkling grape juice (non-alcoholic). How exciting!



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Snack sign-up:

Aug 20:
Aug 27: champagne and cake
Sept 3: Ginia & Terry
Sept 10:
Sept 17:
Sept 24:

Communication:

Welcome Visitors!

- Visits with Pastor Jane Herring must be by appointment.
- Reach out to Pastor Jane on her church phone (call/text) 615-818-9727 or email at janemherring@gmail.com
- Reach out to Pastor Jane about what it means to be baptized, to be confirmed in the church (if you have already been baptized) or to join the church.
- Email announcements for the Sunday bulletin to janemherring@gmail.com
- Email Information or corrections for the weekly newsletter to frhanchey@gmail.com

Calendar:

Wednesday nights Prayer group 6 pm

Sundays after service: Maple Village delivery

August 19: Mobile Food Pantry

3rd Sunday, August 20 : Mission/Fellowship meeting
9:30 am. Bring any hot lunch items for Oasis.

August 21, morning: deliver lunches to Oasis.

Monday, Aug 21: Session meeting, 6:30 pm

Sunday Aug 27: Karen & Fred renew wedding vows

Sept 3: Communion Sunday

2nd Sunday, Sept 10: after service: Worship
committee meeting



Christian Education:

Inquirers of all ages: Please reach out to Pastor Jane about what it means to be baptized, to be confirmed in the church (if you have already been baptized) or to join the church.

For more than a year we have included in this newsletter information about how Presbyterians “do” church. Next week’s newsletter will include the 58th and final installment in this series.

For more detailed information and videos on the subject or to see previous week’s questions and answers, please see our website at: epcnashville.com/how-presbyterians-do-church or go to: theoacademy.com The information on our website and the outtakes that will be included in the newsletter come from the Theoacademy material created by the Mid-America Synod and provided by the Presbytery of Louisville, KY. If you have any questions about any of the outtakes or website material, please reach out to Pastor Herring or any member of the Session.

Week 57:

Prayer as worship

Q: What is a comparison of prayer and living out a relationship?

A: Prayer is not just conversing with God, it is being in relationship with God, speaking not just with our mouths but with our hearts; prayer is sitting with God (being in His presence – speaking, listening, sitting quietly) just like we do in relationship with each other, only more profound.

Q: What role does language play in prayer?

A: Language is not required to communicate with God, He can hear our hearts without words; language is sometimes distracting, sometimes used to try to distance ourselves from God to make the encounter seem safer –read prayers written by others, read our own prayers without feeling the prayers (using prayer as a key or passcode to God rather than as an open door to invite Him in); language allows us to focus on God; the language of prayer is a tool, not a destination.

Q: Why are there so many different kinds of prayers?

A: The variety of prayers is often linked to the many aspects of God (Creator, Savior, Healer, Redeemer, Christ, Holy Spirit, Judge, Jury, Helper, Father, Mother) and the richness of God’s image; without variety in our prayers we limit our understanding of these many aspects of God; we often pray based on the circumstances of life currently affecting us; there is a vast diversity of followers of Christ and prayer is a way to show responsiveness to the needs within a particular congregation or during a particular time in the history of a congregation.

Q: How should we take diversity into account within (and as we plan out) our worship?

A: Identify and respect diverse backgrounds; build community through common yet inclusive expressions of faith and worship; use worship not only to express our ongoing relationship with God, but also with one another.

Children's Education:

Usually, the children's message and the lesson in children's church talk about the same story. Today things didn't work out that way. The message in church was about Jesus going off to pray after feeding the crowds and the lesson in the classroom was about Joseph being a favorite son, jealous brothers and a special, colored coat that his father had made for him. I imagine it might have looked something like this. →→



Building and Grounds:

Thanks to the efforts of one whose name doesn't want said, we have a new sink in the kitchen. We are appreciative that you know that part x goes to z and part y goes to w and part t goes to m and now it works.



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Thanks also to Fred who has stepped in and is helping keep our "yard space" neat and tidy. We appreciate you too.

THANK YOU

Presenting Your Slate of Elders

Class of 2023

Theresa Denton, Worship and Polity & Procedure

Class of 2024

Ginia Wood, Fellowship and Mission

John Denton, Building and Grounds

Class of 2025

Greg Burlison, Personnel

Jan Russell

John Sevier, Director of Music

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We are located on Highway 96, near the intersection of Highway 100. We are close to Bellevue, Fairview, Franklin, Leiper's Fork, Pasquo, Westhaven and West Nashville. We look forward to seeing you!

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