

This is what we do: Care for the Outcast
Oasis Center, Nashville



Open Minds and Faithful Hearts
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Worship:

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

[Proper 16 \(21\) \(August 27, 2023\)](#)

- First reading and Psalm
 - Exodus 1:8-2:10
 - Psalm 124
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
 - Isaiah 51:1-6
 - Psalm 138
- Second reading
 - Romans 12:1-8
- Gospel
 - Matthew 16:13-20



Liturgist's Schedule

- 8.27.23 ... Greg
- 9.03.23.... Ginia
- 9.10.23... Mark
- 9.17.23
- 9.24.23 ...Karen
- 10.1.23
- 10.8.23... Marilyn



We are now scheduling liturgists for September 17th 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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Prayer and Praise:

She (my mother) became a warrior far superior to any epic hero. She became a giant on her knees. With a sword in one hand, she battled the enemies of death and disease, and with her other hand stretched toward heaven she kept beseeching God's help and His mercy.

- Bishop T.D. Jakes



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.

Psalm 107:1

“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good: His love endures forever”.

Psalm 23:4

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me”.

Missions:

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

¹Oasis:

- A new opportunity, a new project!
- A request has come in for worn colorful T-shirts of any size.
- They are also collecting fleece pieces size 2.5 ft x 3.5 ft
- They will be used for an upcoming Nashville Humane Society Dog Toy/Blanket Service Project. We will need your help with this also.
- Deadline for collection is Sept 10.
- Place your t-shirts in box set up in hallway.



Oasis: 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. Our lunch delivery on Monday went really well. Thank you to those who contributed time and food.



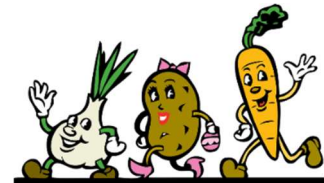
²Maple Village:



- We are collecting books for the Maple Village residents.
- They have asked for reading materials to add to their library.
- Place any donated books in the “Book Box” in the hallway.
- This will be a fall delivery which coincides with the Fairview Public Library Book Sale on Aug 24 – 26.



Can you pick flowers and harvest from the garden? We need someone who can deliver goodies 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.



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

The following is from our treasurer ...

Timeline for Stewardship campaign for 2024

- September 17th – October 15 th , pledge cards will be made available via email and at in-person services.
- October 29th - Deadline for submission of pledge cards

Timeline for 2024 Budget Vote

- Nov. 3rd – draft of budget sent to session by Treasurer
- Nov. 19th – session to vote on budget recommendation to congregation
- Dec. 3rd – congregation vote on proposed budget

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 **POSTPONED DUE TO COVID** renewing their wedding vows as part of the worship service,



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT BELOW

Fred, 1/2 of our dear Fred and Karen couple, who were to renew their wedding vows this Sunday, tested positive for covid yesterday (Tues).

The vow renewal and celebration will be rescheduled for another Sunday Worship Service once Fred recovers.

This Sunday, August 27, we will have our regular worship service and fellowship.

Let's all lift each other in prayer for good health, for strong, healthy bodies and minds. We pray especially that Karen stays healthy as she cares for Fred, and that Fred's recovery is quick and complete.

We will use all we have learned in the past three years to continue to be as safe as possible, as healthy as possible, and to take good care of one another:

*Please talk to your pharmacist or doctor about the currently available bivalent vaccine and the monovalent vaccine expected to come out in October. Find out what is best for you. Flu vaccines are also available now.

*If you believe you have been exposed to an active case of covid, please use distancing and protective measures until you know you are covid-free to help keep those around you safe from possible infection.

*If you develop symptoms of covid, test as soon as possible.

Snack sign up:

Aug 27: cake?
Sept 3: Ginia & Terry
Sept 10:
Sept 17:

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
Sunday Aug 27: vow renewal postponed
Wed Aug 23 – Sept 10: Collecting T-shirts
Sept 3: Communion Sunday
Sept 4 – Oct 2: Peace and Global Witness Collection
2nd Sunday, Sept 10: after service: Worship committee meeting
3rd Sunday, September 17: Mission/Fellowship meeting 9:30 am.
Monday, September 18 : Session meeting, 6:30 pm
November 12: Thanksgiving Dinner and Fellowship



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. This is the 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 58

Prayer – Jesus taught us not to get all wrapped up in “crafting the perfect prayer”; pray with your heart, not your head; KISS – keep it simple and straightforward; use your everyday language and references that are meaningful to your life.

Matt 6:7-13 (NSRV) – “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then in this way:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed [sacred/blessed/holy] be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts [sins], as we also have forgiven our debtors [those who have harmed us]. And do not bring us to the time of trial [judgement] but rescue us from the evil one [satan].”

Q: What are the main six types of prayer?

A:

- a. Adoration – pray to express our love and praise to God for who God is.
- b. Confession – pray to admit the fact that we have lived in a way that runs counter to God’s plan, both for our own lives and as part of the world at large.
- c. Devotion - pray to affirm and celebrate God’s ownership of our lives.
- d. Intercession - pray to ask God to step in and take control of a situation we (or others we know) are facing (this is to be done with the mind of Christ – i.e. you may ask for a specific/preferred outcome, but acknowledge that God’s will is preeminent; Christ asked for the cup to pass him by, but that God’s will be done).
- e. Supplication - pray to ask God to provide us with what we need.
- f. Thanksgiving - pray to praise God for what God has done, both in our own lives and in the world.

Children’s Education:

You never know what will happen during the children’s message. Sometimes they are eager to come sit up front, but ummm, sometimes they are not. We love your little girl, Mollie! The story being read was titled “A Hard Story”, which indeed it was. Workers were beaten, and killed, a story that was hard to hear (and read). The ending of the story was that Jesus forgives us, even those who do bad deeds. In children’s church we painted canvas bags, always fun. These are “treat bags” that the children can put special sayings in to help them remember they are not alone. More on this next week.

Building and Grounds:



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

EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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