



Open Minds and Faithful Hearts
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Worship:

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

- [Exodus 14:19-31](#) and [Psalm 114](#) or [Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21](#)
- [Genesis 50:15-21](#) and [Psalm 103:\(1-7\), 8-13](#)
- [Romans 14:1-12](#)
- [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

Liturgist's Schedule

9.17.23 Terry D	9.24.23 Karen
10.1.23 Barbara	10.8.23 Marilyn
10.15.23 Jan	10.22.23
10.29.23	

We are still seeking liturgists for the last two (2) weeks in October. If you wish to volunteer, please send an email to: epcbusiness9770@gmail.com or call 615-473-3510. Thank you to all who volunteer to be Pastor Jane's liturgy partners for our services each week!

Prayer and Praise:

If your day is hemmed in with prayer, it is less likely to come unraveled. ~ Cynthia Lewis

Col. 1:19-22

For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ and by him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of his blood on the cross. This includes you who were once so far away from God. You were his enemies separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions yet now he has brought you back as his friends. He has done this through his death on the cross in his own human body. As a result, he has brought you into the very presence of God, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.



You are invited.

The EPC prayer group is a small but dedicated group that meets on Wednesday evenings from roughly 6-7pm. It is a time to open your heart to offer God the praise and prayers of our congregation and those of your own. Barb sends out email requests for any prayers you would like lifted up in the belief that all prayers matter, all prayers are important and all prayers will be heard.

All prayers are kept confidential unless you specify otherwise. If your request is private/sensitive, you may request that your prayer be limited to Pastor Jane and Barbara. Confirmation emails will be sent affirming that your request was lifted.

As a small church, offering praise and prayers for those who are struggling, no matter the reason, sends a powerful message about the love we share and express for each other. If you feel called to do so, come **join us on Wednesday night at 6.**

It is our fervent prayer that this ministry is a blessing to the rest of our EPC family and beyond
EPC prayer group



Rom 5:10

For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life.

Missions:

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

¹Oasis:

- Thanks to ALL of you who brought in t-shirts in response to our request.
- The next step, now that we have them is to cut them in strips.
- Bring sharp scissors (and extras if you have them) and plan to stay after church this Sunday 9-17-23 if you can.
- Ginia will instruct us on how to cut them as requested.
- The Oasis teens will then braid and tie dog chew toys into them.

²Maple Village:

- We are still going strong with the produce delivery to Maple Village.
- Fresh veggies and a plethora of fresh flowers make the residents smile!
- We will be taking books at the end of September and puzzles at the end of October.

³Peace and Global Witness Collection

- Collected every fall – This Sunday through Oct 1
- Supports peace missions of many types
- EPC keeps 25% for local giving
- We have previously supported the “Women Are Safe” non-profit organization in Centerville, TN
- You can suggest other financial gift recipients to any elder or member of mission committee.

Your donations could aid in assisting refugees, addressing racism, ending domestic violence, gun violence, and human trafficking among many other peace initiatives. Twenty-five percent of the amount collected will remain at our church to fund local missions. Checks should be made payable to Emmanuel Presbyterian Church with Peace Offering written on the “For” line. Please give generously, cash also accepted!

On Sundays:

- Pick flowers from any EPC garden. Arrange and put on front sanctuary table.
- Harvest produce from the garden.
- Rinse veggies and take flowers and produce to Maple Village. Bring previous glass bottle back. Ask Ginia, Barb or Annalease if you have questions.

Finance:

- In the interest of full disclosure and transparency, there are no financial secrets at EPC.
- The posting of the regular rolling four week giving updates are now being put in the bulletin on Sundays.
- If you ever have any questions about anything dealing with EPC's finances or other business topics, email your question or request to epcbusiness9770@gmail.com
- General EPC email can be sent to epcnashville@gmail.com (be aware that multiple people have access to this email account)

Timeline for Stewardship campaign for 2024

- September 17th – October 15th , pledge cards will be made available via email and at in-person services.
- October 29th - Deadline for submission of pledge cards and if there are session recommended changes to Rev. Herring's terms of call they will be presented to the congregation for approval.

Timeline for 2024 Budget Vote

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

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:

- Karen and Fred will be renewing their wedding vows as part of the worship service on Communion Sunday, October 1, 2023. Let us all pray for continuing good health.
- Keep in mind that Covid-19 is back on the rise and in the news. We want to encourage everyone to remain vigilant in staying safe and healthy by washing hands frequently, using sanitizer, wearing masks and keeping a distance from others. Our passing of the peace has become a non-contact experience and like always, be sensible about other congregants’ health concerns.
- If you develop symptoms of covid, test as soon as possible.

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. 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.

Please talk to your pharmacist or doctor about the currently available bivalent vaccine and the monovalent vaccine that was approved by the FDA Tuesday. Find out what is best for you. Flu vaccines are also available.

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.

- To Email someone for general EPC topics use epcnashville@gmail.com
- 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
 Collecting books through end of September
 Collecting jigsaw puzzles through end of October
Sept 4 – Oct 2: Peace and Global Witness Collection
2nd Sunday, Oct 8: after service: Worship committee meeting
3rd Sunday, September 17: Mission/Fellowship meeting AFTER CHURCH this time
Monday, September 18 : Session meeting, 6:30 pm
October 1 –Fred and Karen review vows



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.

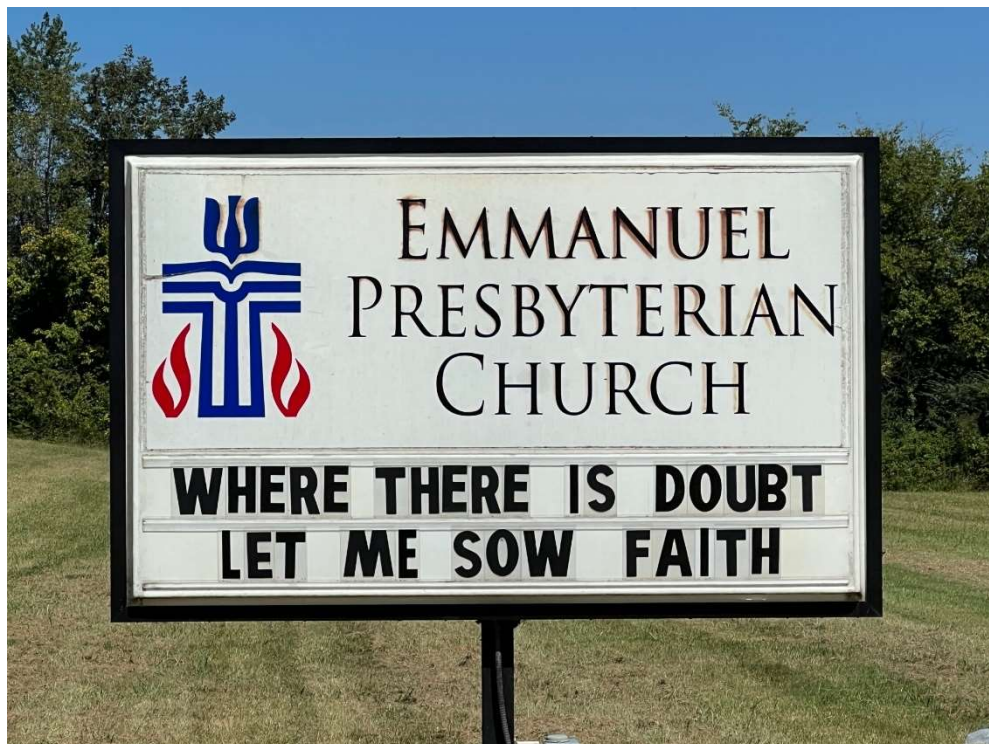
Children's Education:

The children's message this past Sunday continued the story about Moses and focused on the plagues that God brought down on the pharaoh. We talked about all 10 of them and made a "wheel" with pictures of all the plagues identified and glued on. We also touched on Passover and the story about the red X painted on the door of the Hebrews so their children would not be killed. The stories of Moses, the Hebrews and the pharaoh are covered in the book of Exodus

.Building and Grounds:

Ongoing work:

- Weeding the rock garden that goes along the front of the church.
- Trimming back bushes that had such a hard time surviving last winter.
- Weeding the rock garden with the founder stone and Ethan Sevier's cross.
- Weeding the rock path that goes along the back side of the church building.
- Continuing to harvest...tomatoes and cucumbers, basil and parsley, green peppers, carrots and watermelon starting to produce and an abundance of flowers.
- thinking about improvements for next year. Better staking practices for climbing and trailing plants, needing to cover any unused plots to keep grass/weeds under control.



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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