

**OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS GRATEFUL AND GROWING!
WE HOPE THE CLASSES WE OFFER HELP YOU TO BE
NURTURED IN GRATITUDE AND GROW IN FAITH.**

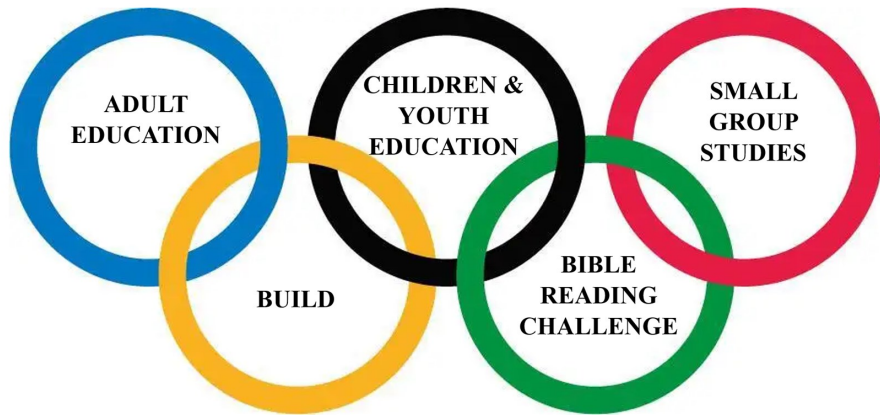
**Join us for our intergenerational gatherings,
affectionately named BUILD (Building Faith for
Everyday Life). We will grow in faith together by
sharing a meal, learning about scripture,
participating in mission projects, and fellowship!**

Save the BUILD Dates:

October 20th – Recognizing God’s Gifts

January 5th – Epiphany

EPC'S Nurturing Faith Rings



The Nurturing Faith Rings are a symbol of our church's commitment to Christian Education. They consist of five interlocking rings that show how all Christian Education is important to growing our faith.

The five rings represent Adult Education, Children & Youth Education, BUILD Intergenerational Events, Small Groups Studies, and Church-Wide Bible Reading Challenges.

The interlocking rings signify how we are all responsible to help each other grow in our faith.

We believe it is important to engage our faith by attending worship, praying, attending nurturing faith classes and BUILD events, and participating in small group Bible studies and devotional groups. Being in community and making connections allows us the opportunity to hear different perspectives, learn from each other, and grow.

NOTABLE FALL 2024 DATES

September 8 - 25th Anniversary Worship & Lunch

September 12 - Women's Circle begins

September 15 - Sunday School Session 1 begins

September 16 - Faith on Tap begins at 6:00 pm

September 29 - Mindfulness Mental Health Program

October 6 - World Communion Sunday

October 20 - BUILD & Stewardship Kickoff

October 26 - Rise Against Hunger

October 27 - Sunday School Session 2 begins

November 7 - GOAL Justice: Community Problems Assembly

November 19 - BUILD: Preparing for Advent

December 1 - Sunday School Session 3 begins

December 8 - Lessons and Carols

December 24 - Christmas Eve

OTHER SMALL GROUPS

EPC Book Club:

4th Monday of every other month @ 7pm
(Meeting: Sept, Nov.)
Contact: Shirley Nease
shirleynease@yahoo.com

Wednesday Men's Devotion Breakfast:

Wednesdays @ 6:45am at Eggs Up Grill on Woodruff Rd.
Contact: Mark Osteen
mosteen13@gmail.com

FUN Group:

1st Wednesday of each month @ 11:30am
Contact: Jane Couch
randjcouch@gmail.com

Women's Circle:

2nd Thursday of each month @ 10am
Contact: Carol Irick
carolirick@charter.net

Thursday Men's Bible Study:

Thursdays @ 7:30am on Zoom
Contact: Harry George
georgeharryd@gmail.com

Friday Fellowship:

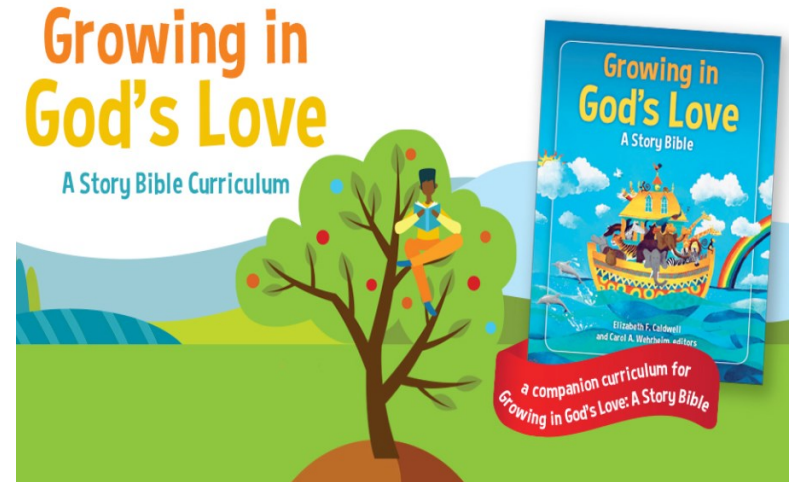
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Prayer Shawl Ministry:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry at Eastminster is for children up through 5th grade. We love learning, playing, growing and sharing together as we explore stories of scripture, mission experiences, and worship.



This year we are using the PC(USA) curriculum Growing in God's Love. We will begin with familiar stories from the Old Testament. **The children will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month following worship.**

Join us also for our BUILD events and keep an eye out for other opportunities for fun and faith!

Please see Joan Jones with questions and for the full calendar. We look forward to a year of learning and growing together in God's love.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry is for youth in grades 6-12.

Being a youth in the world today is challenging, life giving, anxiety filled and a time of great searching.

At Eastminster, we spend time together studying scripture, in fellowship with one another and our EPC family, praying, laughing, putting our faith into action, and listening for God's voice in our lives.

This year we are going to do things a little differently.

Youth will meet the first and third Sundays

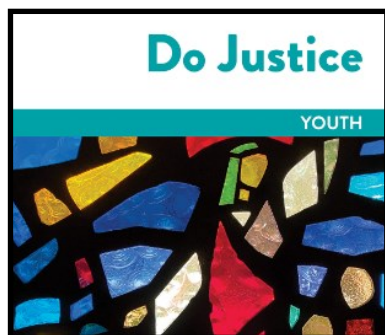
from 5:30-7:30pm at Eastminster

and

the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month

from 7:00-8:00pm at Summer Moon Coffee (2201 Woodruff Rd) for coffee, a check-in, and devotions.

We will be using a PC(USA) curriculum "Do Justice" as we dive deeper into what it means to live into Micah 6:8. We will also be using some studies from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.



Additionally, our youth are always invited to the Sunday morning class and BUILD. Keep an eye out for additional youth specific events for this fall. Please see Joan Jones with any questions and for the full calendar. We look forward to another great year.

GUIDE FOR READING THE MINOR PROPHETS

1. Choose a Bible that's best for you (i.e. a children's Bible, a study Bible, The Message, or your favorite translation – i.e. NRSV, NIV)
2. Grab a pen/highlighter/etc and a journal to write or draw about what you've read
3. Find a reading partner to reflect on the week's readings together (the joys and challenges)

RESOURCES FOR DIGGING DEEPER

Watch "How to read the prophets":

https://youtu.be/edcqUu_BtNo

Watch the overview video of the prophet you are reading:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/book-overviews/?type=old>

TIPS FOR JOURNALING

1. Underline or highlight key words or phrases in the Bible passage. Use a pen or highlighter to mark new discoveries from the text.
2. Put it in your own words. Read the passage slowly, then rewrite each phrase or sentence using your own words.
3. Reflect:
 - How do you see yourself and our world in the text? And if you don't, why not?
 - If you could ask God any question about this passage, what would it be?
 - What can we learn about humanity in this text?
 - What is something you want to carry with you from this passage today — whether that be a promise, a question, or a practice?
4. Close in prayer.

Bible Reading Challenge

Calendar

September

- Sep 16 Hos 1:1-2:1
- Sep 17 Hos 2:2-3:5
- Sep 18 Hos 4
- Sep 19 Hos 5
- Sep 20 Hos 6-7
- Sep 21
- Sep 22
- Sep 23 Hos 8
- Sep 24 Hos 9-10
- Sep 25 Hos 11:1-11
- Sep 26 Hos 11:12-12:14
- Sep 27 Hos 13
- Sep 28
- Sep 29
- Sep 30 Hos 14

October

- Oct 1 Joe 1:1-12
- Oct 2 Joe 1:13-20
- Oct 3 Joe 2:1-11
- Oct 4 Joe 2:12-17
- Oct 5
- Oct 6
- Oct 7 Joe 2:18-27
- Oct 8 Joe 2:28-32
- Oct 9 Joe 3:1-16
- Oct 10 Joe 3:17-21
- Oct 11 Amo 1:1-2:5
- Oct 12
- Oct 13
- Oct 14 Amo 2:6-16
- Oct 15 Amo 3
- Oct 16 Amo 4
- Oct 17 Amo 5:1-17
- Oct 18 Amo 5:18-27
- Oct 19
- Oct 20

- Oct 21 Amo 6:1-7
- Oct 22 Amo 6:8-7:9
- Oct 23 Amo 7:10-17
- Oct 24 Amo 8
- Oct 25 Amo 9
- Oct 26
- Oct 27
- Oct 28 Oba 1
- Oct 29 Jon 1
- Oct 30 Jon 2
- Oct 31 Jon 3

November

- Nov 1 Jon 4
- Nov 2
- Nov 3
- Nov 4 Mic 1
- Nov 5 Mic 2:1-11
- Nov 6 Mic 2:12-3:12
- Nov 7 Mic 4
- Nov 8 Mic 5
- Nov 9
- Nov 10
- Nov 11 Mic 6
- Nov 12 Mic 7:1-13
- Nov 13 Mic 7:14-20; Nah 1
- Nov 14 Nah 2
- Nov 15 Nah 3:1-Hab 1:19
- Nov 16
- Nov 17
- Nov 18 Hab 1:1-4
- Nov 19 Hab 1:5-2:1
- Nov 20 Hab 2:2-20
- Nov 21 Hab 3
- Nov 22 Zep 1
- Nov 23
- Nov 24
- Nov 25 Zep 2:1-3:8

- Nov 26 Zep 3:9-20
- Nov 27 Hag 1
- Nov 28 Hag 2:1-9
- Nov 29 Hag 2:10-19
- Nov 30

December

- Dec 1
- Dec 2 Hag 2:20-23
- Dec 3 Zec 1:1-6
- Dec 4 Zec 1:7-17
- Dec 5 Zec 1:18-2:13
- Dec 6 Zec 3
- Dec 7
- Dec 8
- Dec 9 Zec 4
- Dec 10 Zec 5:1-6:8
- Dec 11 Zec 6:9-7:14
- Dec 12 Zec 8
- Dec 13 Zec 9:1-8
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- Dec 15
- Dec 16 Zec 9:9-13
- Dec 17 Zec 9:14-11:3
- Dec 18 Zec 11:4-17
- Dec 19 Zec 12:1-9
- Dec 20 Zec 12:10-13:6
- Dec 21
- Dec 22
- Dec 23 Zec 13:7-14:21
- Dec 24 Mal 1:1-5
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- Dec 31

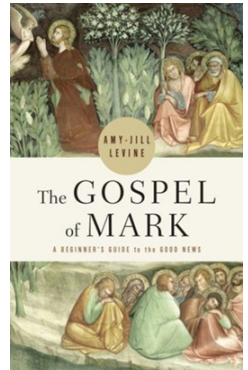
YOUTH & ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

SESSION 1: SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 13

11:15AM-12:15PM

LOCATION: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM
LEAD BY: ANITHA SAMUEL & BRENDA SMITH

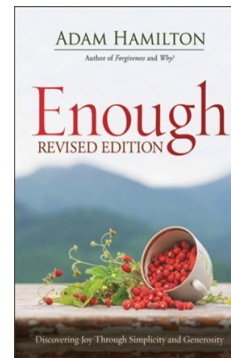
Walk through the Bible's earliest source for the life of Jesus with scholar Amy-Jill Levine as she examines John the Baptizer, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, and several of Jesus' most notable stories and parables. The Good News of the gospel message comes alive in this book and video series as readers see Jesus as divine and human, powerful and weak, approachable yet mysterious. The class features an in-depth study of select passages and illuminates the Gospel in its historical context and as a source for the other gospels.



SESSION 2: OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 17

11:15AM-12:15PM

LOCATION: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM
LEAD BY: STANLEY DIXON & JERRY YUTRZENKA



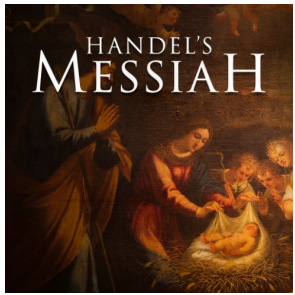
Enough is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices. In these pages are found the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. This book could change your life, by changing your relationship with money.

SESSION 3: DECEMBER 1-22

11:15AM-12:15PM

LOCATION: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM

LEAD BY: TBD



Need a nudge to get into the Christmas spirit? G F Handel's masterful work, Messiah, is one of the best loved musical compositions of all time. The piece is in three parts: the Advent of Jesus' birth, his death and resurrection (the famous Hallelujah Chorus is here), and the redemption of the world, through faith.

For the four Sundays in December, during Advent, we'll be looking at the first part, learning about the composer and his inspiration, as well as looking at the scriptures used to create this masterful work, and listening to 17 of the most beautiful works of music on the planet.

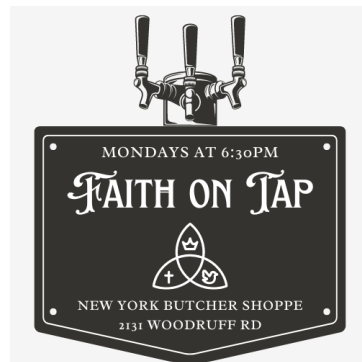
NEW!

MONDAY NIGHT CLASS @ 6PM

LOCATION: NEW YORK BUTCHER SHOP

LEAD BY: REV. STEPHANIE DION, JAMES SHELLEY, SCOTT CARLSON, SUSAN CARLSON, AND OTHERS

This discussion-based class will center around everyday topics with scripture and quotes to help guide the discussions. Leaders will use ideas brainstormed from the group, Wired Word current event articles, newspaper articles, and more to help the group engage in dialogue. Come to discuss the things that matter and how we can faithfully respond.



BIBLE READING CHALLENGE: THE MINOR PROPHETS

Our Fall Bible Reading Challenge is to read the minor prophets! These prophets are no less important than others like Isaiah or Jeremiah. Their books are simply shorter. Prophets were sent by God to address the issues God's people were facing or involved with at the time. Each of these minor prophets offers a unique experience of God's love and call to justice.

These texts can be confusing, so it is important to spend a little time discovering the background of these texts before diving in. Watch the accompanying Bible Project video overview and/or read the introductory pages in a Study Bible. Even though these prophets were speaking so long ago, their call to do justice and live faithfully for God alone echoes strongly today.

This reading challenge offers short readings just five days a week. A reading calendar with tips for making this challenge a meaningful and faith filled practice is on the next page.

