

## The weekly Lamp



**Ushering at Eastridge:** Here is the sign up for ushers. If you were an usher in the past, we would love to have you participate in this ministry again. Please sign up at the link below, or contact the

office. You may also contact members of your former usher teams to coordinate.

http://bit.ly/usherateastridge

Uncertain about signing up online? Call the office and we can help, or we can sign you up.





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. June pick: *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano. We will have our list for next year available at the June meeting, June 14 at 7:00 pm! We will meet in Huxtable Lounge or the East Patio.



Next Saturday, June 19, will be this year's
Juneteenth

commemoration. Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated remembrance of the ending of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865, two years after the end of the Civil War, a Union General rode into Galveston, Texas, to announce that the Civil War had ended, and slaves had been freed. Sometimes called "Emancipation Day" or "Jubilee Day," it is celebrated on the Saturday closest to the summer solstice, the longest day of the year.

"What is Juneteenth?" (YouTube, July 20, 2018, 4:33 min.). Although June 19th is not the actual day when all slaves were freed, but it is symbolic of the significance of the event.

https://bit.ly/3hLLxHI

"Juneteenth: A Celebration of Overcoming." (ABCNews, video, 42:19 min.) An observation of Juneteenth, the holiday celebrating the end of slavery in America, and its meaning to the ongoing struggle for Black equality in America.

https://bit.ly/3wnxfRq

"What is Juneteenth? Why is it Called Juneteenth? How to Celebrate, History, Facts," (AL.com, June 19, 2020). An explanation of the foundation of the black Independence Day and a description of how the date is commemorated. https://bit.ly/3fGnZRC

"Juneteenth Freedom Festival." (Juneteenth Foundation:
Building a movement to nationally recognize Juneteenth and to celebrate the excellence of Black culture and freedom). Register to receive information about one of the largest Juneteenth celebrations in America to be held in Washington, D.C. Day 1-Corporate Reflection Panel; Day 2-Virtual Career Panel and Fair, Freedom Concert. https://thejuneteenthfoundation.com/freedomfest

#### A Song for Juneteenth:

"Glory." (Written by John Legend and performed with Common, January 12, 2015, 3:08 min.) https://bit.ly/3yvc2Xw

"Glory." (Performed by Willie Spence on American Idol, May 16, 2021, 4:34 min.). https://bit.ly/3487SqA



Prayers for: Norma Wittmaack

**Welcome** to Ryker Brogan, son of Kassy and Harry. Grandparents are Mike and Cindy Laughter.



Contact the office to be added to the prayer list (office@eastridge.org or 402-488-7844)



**Flowers in the Sanctuary**: If you are interested in providing flowers for inperson worship in the sanctuary, you may sign up here:

http://bit.ly/flowersworship

**AFTER WORSHIP CHAT**: TODAY - June 13 - **John Leonard Harris** is Lincoln's own Mr. Encouragement. Mr. Harris is a dynamic keynote and conference speaker, award-winning writer, poet and actor.



Join us Sunday mornings following online worship!

**SERMON SERIES:** This summer, Pastors Melodie and Thomas will take a look at sermons preached in the past. Is there a sermon from Pastor Melodie or Pastor Thomas that you recall:

You struggled to understand?

You loved?

Summer Sermon Ser

You wanted to hear more about, because something in it stood out to you?

You had never heard the scripture preached in that way before?

We'd like to hear from you! Send an email with a brief description of what you recall, and we will do the rest!

~ Pastor Melodie and Pastor Thomas



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Coffee hour has returned to Eastridge on Sunday mornings! The

coffee will be started for you, but otherwise the ministry looks the same as it did pre-COVID. Please plan to wear a mask when serving coffee.



Sign up here: http://bit.ly/coffeeateastridge



The Music Ministry
has had a challenging yet rewarding
year. Although we
rarely saw each other, we are thankful
that technology was
able to bring us to-

gether to lead worship. We all yearn for the fall when we can rehearse in-person. If you see a member of the Music Ministry, please thank them for all that they did this year to provide music in worship. ~ *Brian Lew, Director of Music Ministries* 

(for a list of all involved in the music ministry at Eastridge, check out this month's newsletter)

Join the women of Eastridge for Fourth Friday Coffee Fellowship. We meet at 8:30 am the fourth Friday of each month at The Harbor or in a member's backyard. Contact the office for more information!



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We will no longer be requiring reservations for worship in our sanctuary.

This is in large part due to

the **updated CDC guidelines** released May 13 as well as the Lincoln/Lancaster County press release May 18. Masks will no longer be required in our building (those unvaccinated will be encouraged to continue to wear masks). In person worship will include a variety of ways to worship that invite the congregation to participate.

\*If you would like to host a group using our facilities, we are happy to share the updated guidelines with you. Previously not allowed activities (food, drink, and singing) are now allowed. However, plans for such events should be written and submitted to the building and property re-opening committee for approval of current best practices.

\*We are still encouraging groups to meet outside during these nice summer months!

\*Our online worship service, after chat, and Bible studies will continue as vital ministries of our community.

### **Eastridge Church Staff**

Rev. Dr. Melodie Jones Pointon	Senior Pastor
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This summer, our community will be using Bruce Reyes-Chow's latest book, "In Defense of Kindness: Why It Matters, How It Changes Our Lives, and How It Can Save the World."

\*On Zoom on Thursday mornings from 10-11, beginning June 3, 2021 (it's not too late to join!)

\*On Facebook, in a closed private group - you will be able to participate in the most recent Zoom session by watching and commenting on the discussion. There will also be prompts posted here throughout the week and space to reflect on our practice of kindness in our lives. For more information and to sign up, please contact the church office.



The Gathering Place: Prior to COVID in early 2020, we had added a Sunday night to our Eastridge volunteer schedule. The Gathering Place has added it back into the schedule! Sign up below:

http://bit.ly/gatheringplaceepc



We have scheduled another new member orientation. TODAY, Sunday, June 13th, 11:45-1pm IN PERSON. We will meet in Huxtable Lounge. Sign

up now: http://bit.ly/discovereastridge

TELL EVERYONE YOU'RE CHOOSING KINDNESS: T-shirts pro-

claiming "KINDNESS" are now available. The short sleeve shirts are gray with a red EPC Kindness logo. Orders

will be available for pick-up at the church on June 25 and 26. Cost is only \$12 for children's sizes XS-XL and adult sizes S-XL; size XXL is \$14; and XXXL is \$15. Other extended sizes



can be special ordered. Place your order now through June 13 (TODAY!) at:

https://stores.inksoft.com/epckindness/shop/home