



The weekly Lamp

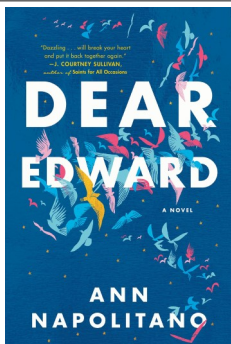
Today at Eastridge:

9:00 am Worship—IN PERSON
9:45 am Coffee Fellowship—Welcome Center
10:30 am Worship—Online

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.

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"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 Kassie 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 in-person 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?

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





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>

A top-down photograph showing two hands, one from the left and one from the right, each holding a white coffee cup with a dark liquid inside. The hands are positioned over a rustic, light-colored wooden table. The person on the left is wearing a grey and white striped long-sleeved shirt, and the person on the right is wearing a blue and white striped long-sleeved shirt.

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

A white ceramic cup filled with coffee, featuring a heart-shaped latte art design on the surface. The cup is placed on a light-colored wooden table.

UPDATE

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!

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