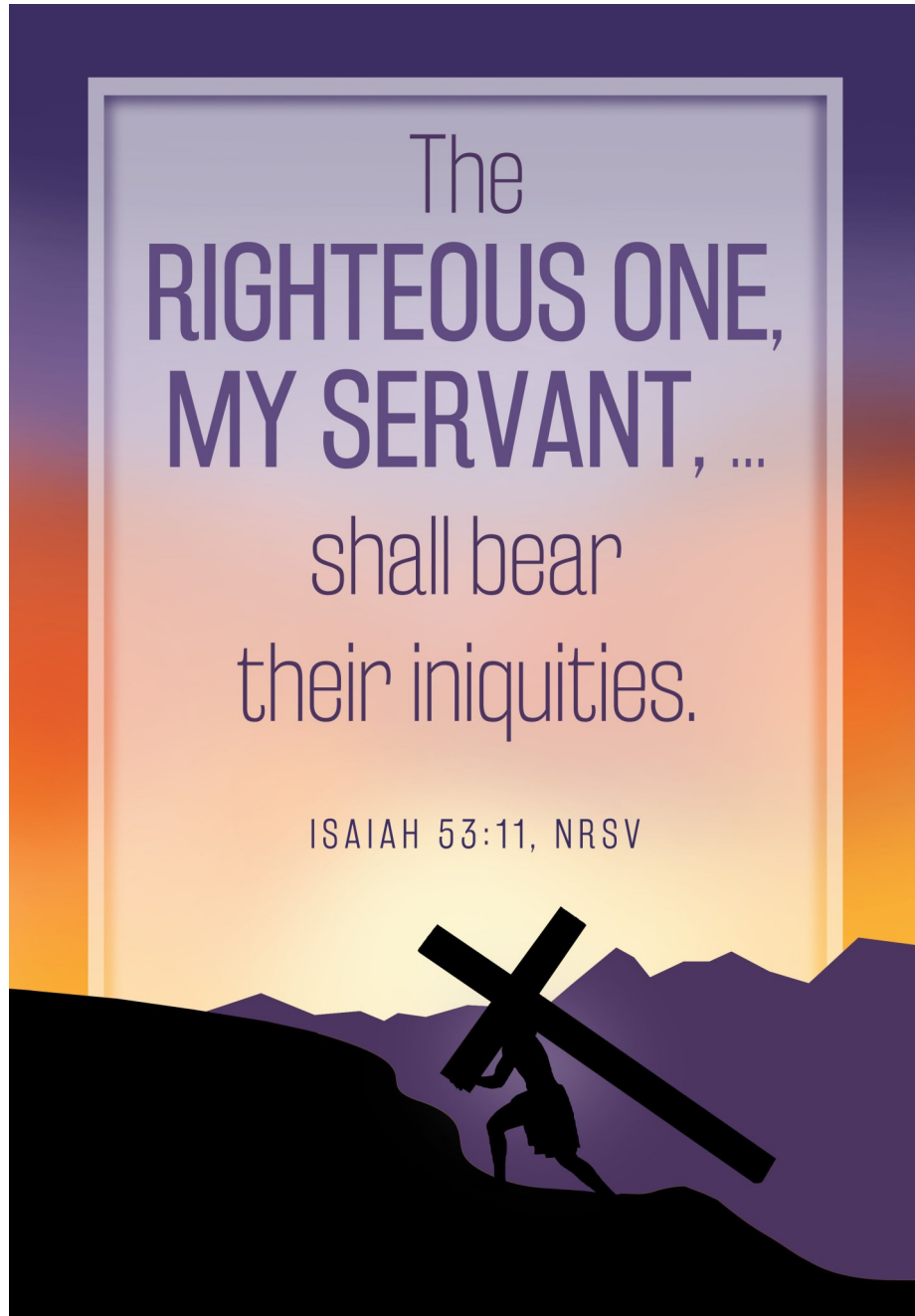


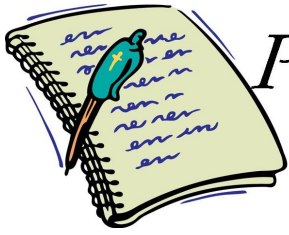
# THE VOICE

March 2018

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## Pastor's Letter

I'm writing this during my first week in the office as your pastor, wondering what it is I can say to help you know me somewhat better. As a person who spends a great deal of time in the Word of God, I turn to scripture and see that stories about people in the Bible often start with a genealogy. The

names might not be easy to pronounce, but they show us that it is important to know where someone has come from. I am the daughter of Robert and Marilyn Strobe. My parents are both from Western Pennsylvania working class families. Their fathers worked in the mills and in factories. Their mothers stayed home and raised the children. My dad went into retail, working his way into management, eventually retiring from Macy's. My dad and my grandparents taught me the value of working hard, never giving up, doing what needs to be done. My mom was the first in her family to get a college degree, but she didn't stop there and got a Masters in Christian Education, spending her life in service to the church. She taught me the importance of education, of asking questions and becoming a lifelong learner. She raised me in the church, where the sanctuary became my playground and the people my extended family. I have one younger brother, Kevin, and he has a six-year-old son, Lucas. Living with a brother, for better or worse, taught me to fight, both with him and for him. Lucas, one of the delights of my life, teaches me everyday about patience, slowing down, and imagination.

I have been formed by my education and the places I have lived. I went to the College of Wooster in Wooster, OH and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. Living in Wooster gave me formative encounters with people who practice a faith different than my own. It's where I struggled to discern whether a career in music was my calling. Georgia showed me southern hospitality and even more the radical hospitality of God. I also learned that y'all is truly easier to say. I only spent one year in the Philippines, but it changed my life. I met people who had nothing more than faith to hold onto and yet the love of God sustained them. They taught me to use my voice for other people, to stand up for the disadvantaged, and to keep trying against all odds to make this world a more just and peaceful place. I most recently came from Youngstown, OH, a place that has never recovered from the closing of the steel mills. They taught me about perseverance and grace and loved me into my call. The places we have lived shape us as do the people we encounter and love.

I moved to East Lansing with a lot of books, because while I know I can get them on my iPad, I still prefer the actual book. I come with a love for coffee and wine. I love cooking and baking, the act of seeing something come together from start to finish. I love making music and listening to music. I love the outdoors -biking, hiking, and running (just not in the winter). While I love nature, I am a terrible gardener. My home is where plants come to die. I love the spring, which reminds me that life always finds a way. I love scripture and stories. I love Jesus and the church and this amazing calling.

This is a little of who I am and where I have come from. I am eager to know and love you – Eastminster Presbyterian Church. In the weeks and months to come I want to hear your stories. The door to my office is open or I'd love to take you out for a meal or a cup of coffee. I want to know who you are, where you come from, and what you love about this church. I am eager and excited for the story of Eastminster Presbyterian Church to continue to unfold.

- Kristin

# LENTEN SCHEDULE



## Wednesday Lenten Supper & Faith Interview Series

**6:00 p.m. in the Green Room** Once again, we will spend time together on Wednesday evenings for a simple supper of soup, salad and bread during Lent. Building on the faith interviews from last year, each Wednesday night there will be a different person interviewed, allowing us

to learn the faith stories of those in our midst. There are sign-up sheets in the Green Room, and we ask that everyone who plans to attend, whether bringing food or not, signs up so we have enough food for everyone.

**March 7** Jesse Turner

**March 14** Irv Nichols

**March 21** Mary Lou Clifton



## **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

**10:30 A.M. WORSHIP**

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**6:00 P.M. SIMPLE MEAL**

**7:00 P.M. WORSHIP**

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.**

**EASTER FELLOWSHIP 11:30 A.M.**



We will be collecting One Great Hour of Sharing offerings throughout the month.  
Please give generously.



 **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

**You shall be called  
repairers of the breach**  
— ISAIAH 58

**WE INVITE YOU  
TO JOIN WITH  
PRESBYTERIANS  
WORLDWIDE**

in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

By sharing our gifts, we are answering God's call to be repairers of the breach.

**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE,  
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports programs in over 100 countries. With your help, we can do even more.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Presbyterian Mission

To learn more, go to  
[presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs)

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This month we will be collecting materials for prisoners, including Bibles, Christian books, magazines, CDs, etc. Materials can be at any reading level and can be new or gently used. Please use the baskets on the ledge in the Green Room.



**Hope Closet Finale** As of March 7, Hope Closet will close its doors after a run of just over twenty years, and what a good run it was! In January of 1997 Pat Duncan realized the fruition of her dream to provide quality clothing to deserving women of plus sizes. In the early years we were open two times a month in order to accommodate all the women needing this service, peaking during the recession of 2008. With the tapering off of the need after the recession rolled back, our client numbers reduced drastically, so we cut back to one day of operation per month. This modus operandi continued until the present time, but in the past two years our client numbers again slipped, making it hard to justify the use of space, assets and personnel.

Over all these years, you, our congregation members, have donated countless items of clothing, fun jewelry, and money, for which we thank you. Since it's impossible to know who all contributed to our operation, we wouldn't want to thank you by name here, for fear we might omit someone. Likewise, our dedicated workers, who have been so faithful and generous with their time and talents, are thanked. Again, to list names here would be to invite inadvertent omissions, but you know who you are.

Another "thank-you" goes to Christian Services who put us in touch with the clothing out-reach program at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, the result being that they will accept all our clothing and many of the clothing racks. Being near downtown Lansing, it will be much closer for most of our clients.

Those of us who worked in Hope Closet can honestly say we were truly blessed to have this opportunity to work with our clients to pick out clothes and put together complete outfits. And, conversely, many of our clients expressed how much they enjoyed coming to see us. It was always a joyful time. [Note: there will be a time to celebrate the ministry of Hope Closet soon.]

**Educational Opportunities**  
**Sunday Mornings - 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.**  
**Children and Youth—Lower Level**



**Ages 4-Grade 2**

*Holy Moly* is designed to ignite a biblical imagination that lasts a lifetime for young children. Each week participants see a video and use their gifts of observation to become theologians in their own right. It is amazing to get their insight!

- March 4** Philip and the Ethiopian
- March 11** Peter Raises Tabitha
- March 18** Lydia
- March 25** Holy Week Experience

**ADULT**  
**EDUCATION**



**Sundays at 9:30 a.m. - Green Room**

Each week in the Green Room we will gather to explore and discuss different ways to approach the spiritual practice of prayer from the contemplative to the creative. From prayer

stations to playlist prayers and much in between, each week will offer something different. We will look at and practice accessible ways to make prayer part of our daily life, not just in Lent, but always.

- March 4** Prayers Around the World
- March 11** Playlist Prayers
- March 18** Praying in Color and Daily Dose of Prayer
- March 25** at 11:30 following worship - no 9:30 classes

Everyone is invited to join in the Holy Week Experience which will be held on the Lower Level after worship. There will be no regular Sunday School that day.



*“Gratitude,” a philosopher once said, “is the memory of the heart.”*

My heart is full of memories – the kind that keep a fond smile on my face and lead me to say, once again, how much I have enjoyed being part of the Eastminster community the past eighteen months. I continue to be deeply grateful for your welcome and your kindness toward me.

Thank you for your friendship and faith, your good spirit and sincerity, and your many gifts of the heart I have received. A special thank-you, of course, for the entirely enjoyable special fellowship hour on my last Sunday, the kind words expressed (yes, and even the bad puns!), and the “love gift” you presented me.

Farewell, my friends. Very best wishes to you all as you welcome new leadership and envision new horizons. I have every confidence that Eastminster’s future is full of faithful surprise and joyful service. May God’s richest blessings be yours always.

Jeff O’

# JANUARY 2018 MONTHLY FINANCIALS



RECEIPTS	\$ 53,421.12	ANTICIPATED PLEDGED INCOME	\$ 22,508.83
EXPENSES	\$ 34,402.06	PLEDGED GIVING RECEIVED	\$ 28,013.00
		DIFFERENCE +/-	\$ 5,509.17
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 19,019.06	PLATE OFFERING	\$ 1,038.00

**ELEVATOR LOAN BALANCE AS OF 02/25/2018 \$ 115,428.26**

**GIFTS TO ELEVATOR LOAN FUND AS OF 01/30/2018 \$ 0.00**

**PAID PER CAPITA AS OF 02/27/2018 \$ 1,320.00**

ENDOWMENT INTEREST INCOME AVAILABLE AS OF 02/20/2018: \$ 39,886.86

**NO SESSION MEETING WAS HELD IN FEBRUARY.**

## How Your Endowment Gift Helps



Due to the faith and generosity of Eastminster members past and present, we are blessed with the deep financial resource known as the Eastminster Endowment Fund. The Fund enables Eastminster to expand its mission and develop programs beyond the level of annual pledge support. The endowment principal is never spent, only a small percentage of the earnings. This enables the endowment balance to grow even as the church's mission and program is expanded. This year a portion of the earnings has been earmarked for the special expenses incurred in the search for our new pastor and her relocation expenses. Another portion has been allocated for special programs such as Confirmation class, Church Camp and new programs in Christian Education. One way of looking at the endowment is that former members who have remembered Eastminster in their estate planning and bequests have, through their gifts, continued pledging their financial support of the church even beyond their deaths. We thank God for the grace of generosity that filled the hearts of these good and faithful servants of the church.



**Many thanks to...**

...the following people who gave so generously of their time and effort on behalf of Eastminster for the monthly meal at Advent

House on February 10.

**Cooks:**

- Sherri & Gary Blanchard
- Jan Coye
- Judy Dickinson
- Judy Dunn
- Elizabeth Evangelista
- Linda Hardenbergh
- Estelle McGroarty
- Mary Ann Merchant
- Susan Smalley
- Barb Stowitts

**Servers:** Dan Dickinson & Steve Dickinson



- 3/2 Virginia Allen
- 3/2 Judy Dunn
- 3/5 Wells Foster
- 3/7 Adeline Erzen
- 3/10 James Erzen
- 3/11 Melanie Hausinger
- 3/11 Susan Rosser
- 3/21 Jean Grimm
- 3/22 Sherri Blanchard
- 3/22 Molly Bloxom
- 3/22 Lehman Temples
- 3/26 Charlotte Altemeier
- 3/26 Jan Hazlett
- 3/26 Maggie Lapinski
- 3/26 Sue Miller
- 3/27 Jen Wyble
- 3/30 Barbara Stamm

**Supper Club**

**March 2 - 6:00 p.m.**



Join us on Friday for a gathering of good food & fellowship. This month our hosts are **Betty & Doug Hall**. Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Tea and coffee provided. Come enjoy a casual potluck meal in the Green Room. All are welcome. If you wish to be called for Supper Club call Mim Bethards (351-5172) to be added to the list.

**Men's Breakfast**

**Bible Study**

**Wednesdays @ 7:00 a.m.**

This study group meets every Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. in the Green Room.



**Tuesday Bible Study 1:00 p.m.**

**Flicks with Friends**

**Wed., March 21**



Our movie and lunch group meets on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month. **All persons are invited.** The movie is picked the weekend before and by what is playing the afternoon of that day. An email list has been formed to notify persons who are interested. Let Barb Stowitts (barbstow@yahoo.com) know if you would like to be included on the movie email list.



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**Presbyterian Women**  
**Bible Study**  
**Tuesday, March 20**  
**1:15 p.m.**

The EPC PW will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 1:15 p.m. in the EPC Green Room to study Lesson 7 of *Cloud of Witnesses: In Community with the Reality of the Present*. Please pre-read the lesson and related scriptures.

**NOTE:** If the East Lansing School District is closed due to inclement weather, **we will not meet!**

**Faith & Film**



**Monday, March 19, 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for a light meal, fellowship, and lively discussion on films. Please watch the film on your own, then join us and bring

\$5 to pitch in for the meal.

**This month:** *The Spitfire Grill* (1996) Percy, upon being released from prison, goes to the small town of Gillead, to find a place where she can start over again. She is taken in by Hannah to help out at her place, the Spitfire Grill. Percy brings change to the small town, stirring resentment and fear in some, and growth in others (IMDb).



**MARCH 10**  
**Daylight Savings**  
**Time Begins!**  
**Don't forget to set**  
**your clocks ahead**

**one hour on Saturday night**  
**before you go to bed.**



**Church Women United**  
**of Greater Lansing**  
**Friday, March 9, 2018**  
**World Day of Prayer**

Salvation Army

Host: Maj. Patricia Irvine  
 526 N. Pennsylvania  
 Lansing, MI

Theme: "All God's Creation is Very Good"

Scripture: Genesis 1

9:30 a.m. Registration & Continental  
 Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Celebration

11:30 a.m. Board Meeting

Contact: Anita Turner



**Book Club**

**Eastminster**  
**Page Turners**

**Next Meeting:**

**Saturday, March 3**

**10:00 a.m.**

All are welcome to join EPC's book club that meets once a month in the Green Room to discuss a book that members have read prior to the meeting. The selections are varied and interesting! We hope you'll join us!

**March - *The Big Burn, Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire That Saved America* by Timothy Egan**

**April - *The Scent of Jasmin; Coming of Age in Jerusalem and Damascus* by Anan Ameri**

**May - *Happiness in this Life* by Pope Francie**

**June - *After the Falls* by Catherine Gildner**





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Cultured Purls Knitting 9:30 a.m. Finance/Admin 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>2</b> 6:00 p.m. Supper Club	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Book Club
<b>4 3rd Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Communion</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Fellowship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 3:45 p.m. Christian Ed	<b>7</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Hope Closet 10:30 a.m. Worship & Music 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper & Faith Interviews 7:30 p.m. UKirk at MSU	<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. Cultured Purls Knitting 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:45 a.m. Advent House  Daylight Savings Time begins
<b>11 4th Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship <b>Cents-ability</b> <b>Offering</b> <b>Children's Worship</b> 11:30 a.m. Fellowship 11:45 a.m. Deacons	<b>12</b> 1:00 p.m. Mission Team	<b>13</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Bells	<b>14</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper & Faith Interviews 7:30 Session 7:30 p.m. UKirk@MSU	<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Cultured Purls Knitting 11:00 DAR 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 5th Sunday in Lent</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship <b>Children's Worship</b> 11:30 a.m. Fellowship 11:45 a.m. Deacons	<b>19</b> 6:00 p.m. Faith & Film	<b>20</b> 1:15 p.m. Presbyterian Women 7:00 p.m. Bells	<b>21</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper & Faith Interviews	<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. Cultured Purls Knitting 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 Palm Sunday</b>  10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Holy Week Experience (Lower Level)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Bells	<b>28</b>	<b>29 Maundy</b> <b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m. Cultured Purls Knitting 6:00 p.m. Supper 7:00 p.m. Worship 7:45 p.m. Choir	<b>30 Good</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>31</b>

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Parish Advisor.....	Dr. Fred Graham	
Parish Advisor.....	Rev. Shirley Paxton	
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<b>CHURCH OFFICERS</b>				
<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>Class</b>	<b>DEACONS</b>	
<b>Administration &amp; Finance</b>			<b>Moderator</b>	
David Duryea	339-1404	2020	Heather Myer	2019
Barbara Stowitts	256-3316	2019	<b>Secretary</b>	
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>			Barbara Moss	
Mike Foster		2020	Sherri Blanchard	2019
Norm Mackay	604-6003	2019	Judy Dunn	2018
<b>Christian Education</b>			Heather Heitman	
Beverly Bonning	290-8674	2020	Sue Kalvonjian	2019
Brian Heitman	897-0490	2019	Sue Miller	2018
<b>Mission</b>			Tom Moss	
Robin Bell	489-1468	2020	John Temples	2019
Sam O’Neill	243-2669	2018		
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>				
Terry Graham	332-3418	2018		
Brenda Ramsby	281-2718	2019		
<b>Communications</b>				
Ruth Foster	881-9713	2018		
Susan Smalley	402-1057	2018		