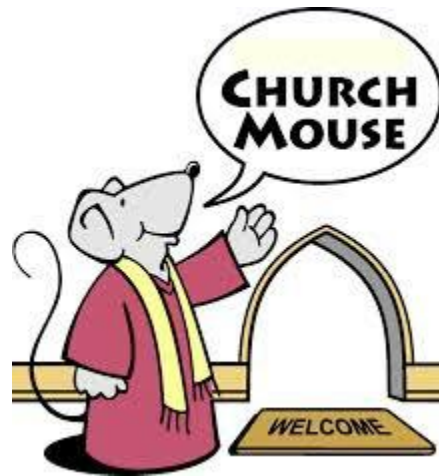


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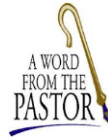


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PASTOR'S PASSAGE – Garland Hart

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the Gift Card and Love Offering I received after the Christmas Eve Service. You are so generous to me and I am grateful to be your pastor here in Eatonton. I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas season and is looking forward to the New Year.

At the January Session meeting a particular act of ministry was approved to begin in February. This ministry I call EACH ONE REACH ONE. It's an opportunity for us to invite people to come and visit our church. The basic act is to invite each week in February at least one person or couple to visit our church in February. This can be someone you know who has no church home or someone who has recently moved into your community, or someone you happen to meet while shopping or attending some function. There are three Scripture references to be read each day in February. They are Deuteronomy 10:19, Ephesians 2:19, and Hebrews 13:2. A handout has been prepared identifying this ministry which gives further insights to this act of ministry. Another handout of the history of our church is available to be given to those you invite to worship with us. If you decide to accept this opportunity, then please let me know by phone (803-236-9971) or email (gshart1956@yahoo.com) or by mail (107 North Madison Avenue, Eatonton, Georgia 31024)

Several months ago, I was invited to join the Leadership Putnam Class. I accepted the invitation and will begin the Class on January 26, 2017. Classes will take place in different locations in the county. There is even a Retreat scheduled on February 10-12, at St. Simons Island which is required. The classes are on Thursday evenings and on some Saturdays until graduation on March 23, 2017. I will meet people and visit locations in the county that will enhance my knowledge of Eatonton and Putnam County.

Last month I had to change my email address because of a security breach with my email provider. My new email address is gshart1956@yahoo.com. If you haven't already received it, then please make this correction in the church directory and in your personal contacts.

Gratefully yours, Garland

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dottie Alliston



	December 2016	YTD 2016
Income	\$24,076.71	\$125,534.43
Expenses	<u>\$11,422.35</u>	<u>\$139,820.96</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$12,654.36	(\$14,286.53)

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

– John 14:18-19



NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Saints of EPC,

Thank you all for helping us celebrate our 70th anniversary so enjoyably. So many of you came to the Open House to make it a delightful time together. Others sent lovely cards with kind wishes. God has been with us all the way these 70 years. May He bring joy to your 70th's too.

With love, Mal & Sandy



PRAYER LIST

Prayer List: [Church Family]: Janet Sidwell, Frances Poole, Dave & Jeannine Malm, Aileen & Stan Broome, Bobby Hill, Hilda Spurlock, Toni Davis, Jimmy Jarrett, Dave Thomas.

[Friends]: D Ridley (friend of many of our EPC Family), Chipper & Allison Yates (family of Toni & Monty Davis), Glen Sisson (uncle of Dottie Alliston & Joyce Gunn), Harold Little (uncle of Joyce Gunn & Dottie Alliston), Chris Malm (son of Dave & Jeannine Malm), Kenneth Holmes (father-in-law of Christa Holmes), Judy Knight, Loretta Meeks (friend of Jim & Madelyn Wharton), Amanda Paulk (daughter of Don & Celia Vincent), Terry Shupe, family of Farrell Nichols of Dublin (father of Jennifer Warren, friend of Sheridan Qualls), Tom Spivey (uncle of Sheridan Qualls), Joyce Walker (sister of Bubba Gunn).



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on January 22, to elect a Nominating Committee and to present the Pastor's Call. A Family and Friends Luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall with the Treasurer giving a Financial Report.

Officers-Elect Catherine Davis and Caroline Davis have been examined by the Session. Elder Elect Caroline Davis will be ordained and both she and Catherine Davis will be installed during the worship service on Sunday, January 22, 2017.

The Adoptive/Foster Parent Association of Putnam County will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m. The church received a Christmas card and letter from Cindy Womack expressing appreciation for us allowing their Association to meet in our church.

A Dramatic Presentation of the Lord's Supper will be given on Maundy Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. Twelve guys are needed to portray the 12 disciples of Jesus. The Set will consist of the Lord's Table with the Disciples and Jesus gathered around it. Each disciple will stand up and give a monologue. If you would like to be a disciple, then please contact the pastor. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed following this Presentation.

The movie, "Amish Grace", will be shown in the Church Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 22, following a Soup and Sandwich meal at 6:00 p.m. The movie is a true inspirational story of forgiveness. On October 2, 2006, a thirty-two-year-old gunman entered a one-room Amish school in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. Ordering the boys and other adults to leave, the killer opened fire and shot the 10 remaining girls execution-style, killing five and leaving the others critically wounded. He then shot himself as police stormed the building. Before the sun had set on that awful October day, members of the Amish community brought words of forgiveness to the family of the one who had slain their children. This is a story of how forgiveness transcends tragedy.



FROM THE CLERK'S DESK – Susie G'Segner

1. The Session in its January 8th meeting established committee chairs for the year:
 - Clerk of Session - Susie G'Segner
 - Administration - Jim Wharton
 - Christian Education - Toni Davis
 - Missions and Stewardship - Frank Barbato
 - Fellowship - Catherine Davis
 - Member Care - Susie G'Segner & Sally Floyd
 - Worship - Caroline Davis

2. Stated Session meetings have changed to the first Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

3. Elders of the month for 2017:
 - January - Susie G'Segner
 - February - Fred Floyd
 - March - Caroline Davis
 - April - Catherine Davis
 - May - Frank Barbato
 - June - Jim Wharton
 - July Toni Davis
 - August - Susie G'Segner
 - September - Fred Floyd
 - October - Caroline Davis
 - November - Catherine Davis
 - December - Frank Barbato

4. Dottie Alliston will continue as church treasurer. The Session members thank her for her continued good efforts.

5. Any changes you need to make in the church directory - phone numbers, addresses, additions - please send to Jim Wharton or to Susie as soon as possible.

EACH ONE REACH ONE

Read the following verses of Scripture daily during the month of February while inviting others to church:

“You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”
(Deuteronomy 10:19)

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.”
(Ephesians 2:19)

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”
(Hebrews 13:2)

INVITE A VISITOR TO CHURCH MONTH

1. Make an effort each week to invite at least one person or couple to church during the month of visitation.
2. Review those you know who do not have a church home. Give a handout of the church to them and invite them to worship with you.
3. Whenever you meet someone new in the community or neighborhood take the initiative to welcome them, to introduce yourself to them, and to invite them to church. Give them a handout of the church. If possible, get their name, address, and telephone number.
4. Whenever you see a visitor in worship, whether or not you invited them, make an effort to welcome them and invite them to other opportunities, such as Sunday School, covered dish meals, P.W. Circle Meetings, or Men’s Fellowship Gatherings.
5. Be aware of the ways someone can join the church.
 - a. Make a Profession of Faith.
 - b. If one has already professed faith and is a member of another church, then the person may be able to have his or her letter transferred to our church.
 - c. If one has already professed faith and is unable to have the letter transferred, then the person can make a reaffirmation of his or her faith.
6. The process to join the church is to meet with the Session to be received for membership in one of the above three ways.
7. Remember to read the following three verses of Scripture each day during February:
 - a. Deuteronomy 10:19
 - b. Ephesians 2:19
 - c. Hebrews 13:2








January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00		PW Meeting 10:00	♥ Stan & Aileen Broome			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00 Session 9:00	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00	Presbytery Meeting 10:00	🎈 Joey Davis and Marjorie Hanson	🎈 Sharon Miller	Mouse Articles Due	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00 Handbells 1:00	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00			🎈 Bobby Hill	🎈 Martha Lindsey	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00 Congregational Meeting and Family & Friends Luncheon 12:00 🎈 Addy Alliston and Joe DeLoach	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00 🎈 Aileen Broome and Doris Findlay	Adoptive/Foster Parent Assoc. Meeting 6:30 🎈 Bill Spurlock and Tim Sturm	🎈 Janet Sidwell			
29	30	31				
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00 🎈 John Holmes	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00 ♥ Robert & Sharon Miller					
notes	🎈 Birthday ♥ Anniversary					





February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					 Travis Bridges	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00 Session Meeting 1:30	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00  Jeannine Malm and Levi Miller	PW Meeting 10:00			Mouse Articles Due	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00	 Jack & Judy Youree				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00  Joan Warren	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00	 Madelyn Wharton	Dinner & a Movie 6:00			
26	27	28				
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00  David Thomas	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00					
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