

# EATONTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

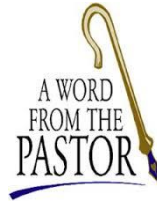


November/December 2016



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**PASTOR'S PASSAGE – Garland Hart**

Dear Friends,

I wonder how many came up with the correct answer to the puzzle I had in my October Mouse article. Well, if you still don't know, the answer is the whale. The whale meets all the criteria in the puzzle.

I hope everyone got an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to fill up for some child. If you still need one, there are some more in the Fellowship Hall. They will be dedicated on Sunday, November 20, during the morning worship service. If you are unable to attend worship on that day, then please bring your shoeboxes to the church before that day. I already have several filled shoeboxes brought by members and placed in my office. I will deliver them either that day or on Monday.

I had a great time in Montreat at the Wee Kirk Conference. I attended classes in the CONTENT TRACK, which dealt with the Small Church. The CONTENT speaker was the Rev. Karl Vaters, pastor of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in Fountain Valley, California. In 2012 Karl wrote a book, The Grasshopper Myth: Big Churches, Small Churches, and the Small Thinking That Divides Us. This book is Karl's story and struggle with God revealing to him that he is a small church pastor. Small churches have much to offer communities which large churches cannot. Karl encourages churches to put friendliness front and center with the GIFT system. G - Greet, I - Introduce, F - Follow-up, and T - Thank. Karl's Web Site has his notes on his lectures: [NewSmallChurch.com/WeeKirk2016](http://NewSmallChurch.com/WeeKirk2016). Go to this website and discover more about the small church.

I hope everyone will have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day which they can celebrate with family and friends. God has blessed us with so much that we can spend our entire lives thanking Him. Between now and Thanksgiving I encourage each of us to write down the blessings we've received from God and to give Him thanks for them. Life gets so hectic at times that we often by pass thanking God. Thanks be to God.

God's Blessings Upon You, Garland

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Dottie Alliston**



	October 2016	YTD 2016
Income	\$10,004.76	\$91,408.13
Expenses	<u>\$11,878.51</u>	<u>\$118,132.68</u>
Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$1,873.75)	(\$26,724.55)

*A greedy man stirs up strife, but the one who trusts in the Lord will be enriched.*  
– Proverbs 28:25

Donations in memory of Louise Duncan were received from: Mr. & Mrs. William Gunn, E. Frances Poole, Mr. & Mrs. Rickey Wooten, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Patterson/Snellville.



**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), Jenny Strickland (daughter-in-law of Dot & Tom Strickland).

**Stewardship News – Stewardship Committee: Frank Barbato, Dottie Alliston, Garland Hart**

The Stewardship Committee has finalized a letter that is being mailed to Members and Friends of Eatonton Presbyterian Church. Our Session is ever diligent about managing our financial resources and planning, not only for next year, but years to come. Our current expenses in 2016 are approximately \$20,000 more than our current income. We ask that all who have pledged, complete or exceed their giving if possible. We do have savings we can fall back on, but are hopeful we do not have to use those funds. With your help in the rebuilding of our congregation next year and years to come, not only with financial contributions, but with volunteering to serve on the Session, helping on committees, or special functions and especially your prayers, we will indeed fill the pews of our Beloved Church. Also, there will be a Blessing of the Pledges on Sunday, November 27th, so please return your Pledge cards on or before that day.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



The Session has called a Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 20, to hear a report from the Nominating Committee. This Committee will present two names in nomination for the Office of Ruling Elder for the Class of 2019. Nominations can also be received from the floor provided that those being nominated have already agreed to serve if elected. There needs to be a quorum of the membership of our Church in order to cast votes for the potential new session members.

Susie G'Segner will assist the pastor in serving Communion to those in Harbor Nursing Home on November 21. They will also call on Stan and Aileen Broome in the Savannah Court Nursing Home.

The Hanging of the Greens will take place on Tuesday, November 22, at 9:00 a.m. Those who would like to help are welcomed to come.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. We will celebrate this season with the Advent Wreath.

The Adoptive/Foster Parents Association will meet on Tuesday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

The Christmas on the Avenue will take place at the Plaza Arts Center on Sunday, December 4, with two performances at 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy this free annual holiday performance by the church choirs of Eatonton's North Madison Avenue. There will be a full orchestra also.

The next Session meeting will be on Monday, December 5, at 9:00 a.m. Elders unable to attend are to contact the pastor.

Mal and Sandy Mallinson are celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, December 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. They are inviting the congregation to attend. Their address is 149 East Riverbend Drive Eatonton, Georgia 31024.

The Christmas Eve Service will be on Saturday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m. Plan to come and bring a friend.

Information and registration forms are in the Pastor's Office for the following:

- Church Officer Development Event for Ruling Elders and Deacons, February 4, 2017.
- Association of Smaller Congregations Conference and Retreat at St. Simons Island, March 17-19, 2017.

For more information about the Presbyterian Village: Athens Retirement Home go to [www.PresbyterianVillageAthens.org](http://www.PresbyterianVillageAthens.org). They are now accepting Priority Member applications as they develop this new home on Hog Mountain Road in Watkinsville.

To: The Saints of EPC  
From: Mal & Sandy Mallinson

For 27 years you have touched our lives with inspiration and joy as we all tried to carry out God's mission of love to the whole world. Now with grateful hearts we invite you to help us celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at an Open House at our home:

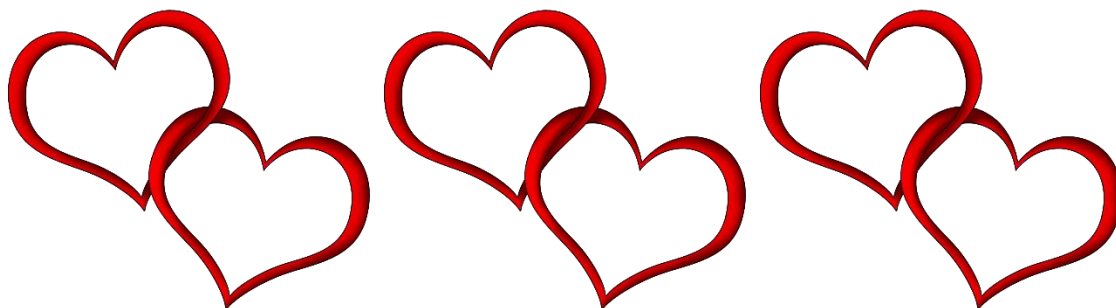
149 East Riverbend Drive  
Eatonton, GA

On

Wednesday, December 21, 2016  
2-4 p.m.

Your Presence is our present.

If you plan to come, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

















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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		PW Meeting 10:00 Makanna Jarrett Bob & Dottie Alliston	Robert Miller and Kynsee Carolina Zorens	Fred & Sallie Floyd		Agape Hospice Memorial Service 5:00
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00	Session 9:00 Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00	Frances Poole	Melvin Rozar		Mouse Articles Due	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00  Walt Jarrett					Catherine Davis and Sara Miller
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00 Shoebox Dedication Congregational Meeting 12:00	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00  Martha Waller	Hanging of the Green 9:00	David & Carole Thomas		Miranda Leigh Zorens	
27	28	29	30			
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00	Foster/Adoptive Parent Assoc. Meeting 6:00  Carolyn Thomas	Jane Waldhauer			
notes	Birthday Anniversary					





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				1	2	3
				 Dick Findlay		 Tim & Christie Sturm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00 Christmas on the Avenue 4:00 & 6:30	Session Meeting 9:00 Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00			 Glenn Lindsey	Mouse Articles Due	 John Kendrick Holmes
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00	Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00	 Marjorie Balling	 Pam Thomas & Jim Wharton  Dave & Pam Thomas		 Stan Broome & Susan Poole  Joey & Caroline Davis	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00  Joe & Melody DeLoach	Bible Study 4:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Handbells 6:00	Foster/Adoptive Parent Assoc. Meeting 6:00	Mallinson Anniversary Celebration 2:00  Mal & Sandy Mallinson	 Gary & Susie Schaffer		Christmas Eve Service 6:30
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
SS 9:45 Worship 11:00 Merry Christmas	 Celia Vincent		 Brett Poole	 Laura Burns		
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