

ENGLEWOOD COMMUNICATOR



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Rob's Revelations by Dr. Rob Westlund

We had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity with the staff gift. Thank you CHOIR for the wonderful cantata. Thank you for you did to help the migrant workers ministry (31 food bags and 68+ coats). Thank you for being the Church.

As we go into 2020, I hope you see the vision for missional ministry with the Outpost, HOPE, HOPE U, the Backpack Program, and the Blood Drive. It is your sacrifice, service, and generosity that makes these ministries possible. We are a church that does many things in our community to share our faith and proclaim Jesus is Lord.

The beginning of a new year gives us motivation and momentum. We can do more with and for God. We can resolve to sacrifice our time and talents to build our ministries and to reach deeper and more intentional into our community. We can find new ways to let our friends and neighbors know that there is always room for "One More" at EPC. We can be highly motivated to spend more time with God.

I believe that spending time with God further motivates us and drives us to to enjoy and serve Jesus. Our time in prayer and the Word is where this sacred time starts. So let me suggest a few things:

1. Resolve to set aside 30 minutes or more a day to be **with** God; reading His Word and praying. You will have to be intentional about this and you will have to fight for it. You will have to work to minimize distractions by finding a quiet time and place. You will have to put your electronics aside.
2. Start a Bible reading plan. There are many ways to do this: Start the New Testament and read 3 chapters a day and you will finish the New Testament before Easter 2020 even with taking a few days off - pick up a one year Bible and follow the plan - Do a 90 day Bible Reading plan (check your Bibles, many have reading plans) - pick your favorite book of the Bible and just read. The YOUVERSION Bible app has great Bible reading plans to follow.
3. Take time to journal. Write out your prayers and take notes on what you are reading in the Bible this will keep you focused. Express how you feel and what you are experiencing as you read the Bible and pray. Then go back and read your journal and see what God is doing in your life.
4. Pray for your "One More" and ask God to help you authentically love them and to be intentional and strategic.
5. Be THANKFUL, because God is good and loves you.

I am looking forward to all God has for us in 2020.

In Jesus, Rob

Join Us for Sunday School!

As you write down your New Year's Resolutions for 2020, how about adding "Attend Sunday School"? We have classes for the whole family.

We have a nursery for children from birth to 3 years old. Children older than 3 may attend age appropriate classes designed to teach them God's Word.

Our College/Career Age Class meets in the youth pastor's office and is led by Leona Briggs. They are studying the book of Hebrews.

There are also two classes for adults. Sunday School classes give you the opportunity to study God's Word during the week and then come together on Sunday morning to discuss and share your thoughts!

Ed Moore and Betty Smith are co-teachers for a class that meets in the church library and uses the David C. Cook curriculum.

Another adult class meets in the youth building and is led by Phil Briggs. Currently they are studying the book of Acts.

Why not make the study of God's Word a priority in 2020?

2020 Envelopes

You can pick up your 2020 Offering Envelopes from the table set up in the narthex. Please look for the box with your name on the top. If there is not a box with your name, pick up one of the unmarked boxes and sign your name and box number to the sheet provided.

2020 Phone Directories

Please go by the table in the church lobby and check your listing for the Phone Directory by Sunday, January 19. Put a check mark by your name after you have checked it. The new directories will be published the week of January 20 and will be available for you on Sunday, January 26.



2019 Giving Statements

You may pick up your yearly giving statements from the table in the narthex beginning Sunday, January 12. We will email the statements to those who have email accounts. Please check them carefully and call the church office if any changes need to be made. Any gifts that came in after December 31, 2019 were posted to 2019.

We would like to be able to save on postage for these. Those that are not picked up by January 26 will be mailed in order to get them in on time for your taxes.

2019 Annual Reports Due

To those who were Team Chairs in 2019:

Please get your 2019 Annual Reports in to the church office by Wednesday, January 15, at 3:30 pm.

The reports need to include your team activities during 2019 and plans for your team for 2020. Also include the members of your teams.



Thank You Kindly!


The staff of Englewood Presbyterian would like to thank the members and friends of EPC for their generous donations to the Staff Love Offering. Thank you, too, for the many gifts, cards and remembrances during the holidays.

It is always a joy to serve you and we appreciate knowing you support and love us!

In His Love,

Rob, Mary Ruth, Leona, and Diana

Birthdays

- 1 Cierra Devine 
- 3 Charles Zuidema
- 5 Henry Dancy
- 6 Luanne Jones
- 10 Harold Colston 
- 11 Patsy Wiggins
- 22 Nancy Colston
Stan Neighbors
- 24 Denise Bisette
- 27 Rob Westlund
- 28 Rachel Williams 

Anniversaries

- 20 Fenton and Rose Bailey



Thank You!

Dear EPC Friends: Many thanks for the prayers, beautiful cards, phone calls, and love shown to me when I was in the hospital. I am now much better! Love in Christ, Grace Leggett

Dear Friends: Thank you for my Christmas cards! They were beautiful and everyone wrote such nice messages. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas! Love, Florence McKeel

Sympathy


Our deepest sympathy goes out to. . .

-  Stan and Mary Margaret Neighbors and family upon the death of their son David Potter on December 9.
-  Rose and Craig Burnett and family upon the passing of her mother, Marie Daughtridge, on December 24.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Serving in January


Greeters

- 1/5 Carol Barden, Rachel Williams
- 1/12 Rose Burnett, Betty Smith 
- 1/19 Janet Slack, Sarah Wade
- 1/26 Sadie Bisette, Patsy Hinson





Ushers

- 1/5 Buck Young, Ed Moore
- 1/12 Dan Jordan, Kevin Lewis
- 1/19 Wink Hardesty, Daxie Dozier
- 1/26 Ricky Pitt, Jeff Proctor

Sound Board

- 1/5 Denise Bisette, Cierra Devine
- 1/12 Jeff Slack, Caleb Chesis 
- 1/19 Yvonne McLeod, Leona Briggs
- 1/26 Denise Bisette, Cierra Devine

Lay Readers


- 1/5 Daxie Dozier 
- 1/12 Buck Young 
- 1/19 Cindy Batchelor 
- 1/26 Phil Briggs 



Children's Church

- Sherry Young
- Leona Briggs
- Denise Bisette
- Kay Owen

Backpacks: Week of. . .

- 1/6 Megan & Riley Luper, Sadie Bisette
- 1/13 Indy, Zeke, & Caleb Chesis
- 1/20 Chris Palmer, Susan Joyner
- 1/27 Elaine Moore, Kay Bennett 

Elders of the Month: To be announced

If you cannot serve on your scheduled week, please secure your own replacement. 



January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Church Of- fice Closed New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 SS, 9: 15 am Coffee Time, 10 am Worship, 10:30 am	6 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm Missions Team, LIB, 7 pm	7 HOPE U, 5-8 pm	8 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Congregational Care, LIB, 10 am Choir, 7 pm	9 Bible Study, YB, 10:30 am Stitches of Love, YB, 11:30 am	10	11
12 SS, 9: 15 am Coffee Time, 10 am Worship, 10:30 am	13 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm	14 Women's Fellowship, LIB, 10 am	15 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Small Group, Gravelly's home, 6:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	16 Bible Study, YB, 10:30 am Stitches of Love, YB, 11:30 am Session, LIB, 7 pm		18
19 SS, 9: 15 am Coffee Time, 10 am Worship, 10:30 am	20 Church Of- fice Closed Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21 HOPE U, 5- 8 pm Presbyterian Men, FH, 6:30 pm	22 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Small Group, Gravelly's home, 6:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	23 Bible Study, YB, 10:30 am Stitches of Love, YB, 11:30 am	24	25
26 SS, 9: 15 am Coffee Time, 10 am Worship, 10:30 am	27 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm	28	29 CORE, HI, 6:45 am Small Group, Gravelly's home, 6:30 pm Choir, 7 pm	30 Bible Study, YB, 10:30 am Stitches of Love, YB, 11:30 am	31	

Financial Info for December

(a more accurate picture of December will be included in the Annual Report for 2019, after all the 2019 bills have been paid and the year has been closed out.)

The following info is as of 12/30/19:

	<u>December</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$49,288.28	\$27,949.34	\$21,338.94
Other Income	<u>68.00</u>	<u>262.12</u>	(<u>194.12</u>)
Total	49,356.28	28,211.46	21,144.82
Expenses	<u>25,529.77</u>	<u>27,073.71</u>	<u>1,543.94</u>
Total Income Or (Expense)	\$23,826.51	\$ 1,137.75	\$22,688.76

	<u>Year to Date</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$311,512.13	\$335,393.91	(\$23,881.78)
Other Income	<u>1,392.08</u>	<u>3,167.00</u>	(<u>1,774.92</u>)
Total	312,904.21	338,560.91	(25,656.70)
Expenses	<u>306,934.08</u>	<u>338,560.91</u>	<u>31,626.83</u>
Total Income Or (Expense)	\$ 5,970.13	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,970.13



Memorial and Honorarium Gifts

Memorial Gifts were given in memory of David Potter (Stan and Mary Margaret Neighbor's son) by Harold and Nancy Colston, Marie Michl, Ray and Anita Stander, Craig and Rose Burnett, Richard and Karen Rose

A Memorial Gift has been given in memory of Sterling Harris by Layne and Monty Grubbs

A Memorial Gift has been given in memory of Marie Daughtridge (Rose Burnett's mother) by Richard and Karen Rose

An Honorarium Gift was given in honor of Janie Grace Slack's baptism by her grandmother Janet Slack

Obedience

The success of our journey with God is literally going to be determined on one word: obedience. Ninety-five percent of every problem a person deals with in their spiritual relationship with God could be settled immediately if that person would say, "I'm going to obey God."

[*Why Is Lordship Necessary?* John Maxwell, audio tape]



— HAPPY NEW YEAR —

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