



The Shepherd's Log

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"Celebrating
Our
Freedom
to Proclaim
the Word of God"



REFLECTIONS



“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself “

Mark 12:30-31

A healthy spirited church is one that has strong relationships and partnerships with its larger community. Our church family has continued to reach out and to serve our community through our school-year after-school ministry – FLEC, FLEC Vacation Bible Camp, our weekly feeding ministry – Mom’s Kitchen, Deacons’ Food Pantry Ministry, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, our youth ministry – CYD, and A.A. and N.A. groups. Our Philemon Ministry continues to serve families who have a family member who is incarcerated. Last month, Presbyterian Women hosted its annual street and health fair. In August, our Stewardship Committee will be having its annual school book bag giveaway. We praise God for the many ways that our church family is serving our community.

Our church family continues to build partnerships with community groups to let our neighbors know about who EPC is and how we serve our community. The 47th Precinct Police Department will hold its second community summit at EPC on Tuesday evening, August 23, 7:00 p.m. It held its first summit at EPC in May 2017. On Saturday, August 5, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. EPC will be partnering with the Bronx District Attorney Office, the New York State Office of Court Administration and the Police Department to host "Another Chance" event. This program helps resolve non-violent misdemeanors or violations in a non-traditional, non-confrontational way. This program will set up an actual court room with judges and lawyers in Clarence Daniels' Hall. The District Attorney’s office is expecting 200-300 people to attend. Our church family members are always encouraged to participate in these events and to embrace these events as an opportunity for us to welcome and to meet our neighbors. If you are willing to serve as a greeter to welcome our neighbors for any of our community events, please speak with me.

Our church family has a big mission field outside its doors. Demographic information show that our community will continue to grow in population during the next decade. Let us continue to be led by the Holy Spirit in sharing God’s news in word and in deed with our community.

Pastor Phil

Audio Visual Project

We will be hearing more and more about a planned audio-visual project that will do much to enhance worship services and special events at the church. The plan is to install a video system that will stream worship services and special events to televisions in the church building and to laptops in homes. Further, DVDs can be made of services so that worship can be shared for homebound people and others who are unable to attend church for one reason or another.

The estimated cost of this program is \$66,000 and various fund raisers are already in the works to help pay for it. The first will take place on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 4:00 pm. *The City South Steel Orchestra will be with us as part of "An Evening of Voices & Steel."* You won't want to miss this. For more information see members of the Audio Committee: Heather Allen, Cloval Anderson, Errol Smith, Dora Johnson and Marcia Hartley.

Eastchester Presbyterian Church

Member & Music Ministries

Present

An Evening of Voices & Steel

Featuring

CITY SOUTH STEEL ORCHESTRA

Sunday ~ September 10, 2017 ~ 4:00pm

TICKETS: Adult \$30 ~ Children \$10
12 & under



Mark your calendars!
Tell your family & friends!



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

This year Eastchester Church has what we might call a bumper crop of high school graduates. Seven young people were recognized at the annual Scholarship Brunch held on June 17th: Ashley Davis, Jabari Gallier, Phontasia Martin, Alexa Molina, Alyssa Molina, Shanelle Perkins and Jackson Warren.

Jordan Drew is becoming a professional emcee as he served in that capacity last year as well as this and, not surprisingly, did a fine job. Following the custom set many years ago, each graduate is “introduced” by a friend or sibling, very often one who would be in the next graduating class. The introductions are usually a blend of sweet and amusing. Brianna Robinson spoke for Ashley, Jordan Drew for Jabari, Ashley Davis for Phontasia, Patricia Simmonds for Alexa, Madison Adams for her sister, Alyssa, Kristyna Davis for Shanelle and Matthew Warren for his brother, Jackson.

A special treat for this year’s celebration was Rachel Jessamy who played two numbers on her alto saxophone.

Brunch prepared by members of the Scholarship Committee consisted of a variety of sandwiches, chips, pickles and fresh fruit and juice. There was also a large, decorated cake.

After the meal, the \$1,000.00 scholarship awards were distributed. Each senior who will be attending a college or university will receive an award. In addition, Ashley Davis and Jackson Warren won an additional monetary award for writing the best essays titled, “Principles I Have Learned Through My Church and How I Intend to Use Them in My Future.” Jackson wrote on how Eastchester taught him the value of prayer and Ashley wrote about how she learned to be a more compassionate person after an incident that occurred when she was a young student in Sunday school.

Ashley is graduating from Monsignor Scanlan High School and will major in Business Management and Finance at Temple University.

Jabari is graduating from DeWitt Clinton High School and will attend CUNY (City University of New York) where he will major in Electrical Engineering.

Alexa is graduating from Bronx River High School and will attend Lehman College. A gifted artist already, Alexa will major in Illustration.

Alyssa is graduating from Bronx River High School and will major in Health Sciences at SUNY Albany. She plans to become a physician assistant.

Shanelle is graduating from Celia Cruz Bronx High School of Music and will attend Buffalo State College where English and Business will be her majors.

Jackson Warren is graduating from Yorktown High School. He will attend Springfield College in Massachusetts and will major in Sports Management.

These seniors were honored and received scholarships from our Scholarship Committee. Phontasia Martin was also honored by the Scholarship Committee for her academic achievement. Ashley, Alexa and Alyssa also received scholarships from the Bronx Presbyterian Churches and Jabari received an award from the Clergy Coalition of the 47th Precinct.

Phontasia Martin must be singled out for graduating from Stephen McSweeney High School despite difficult physical challenges. At her graduation she was awarded a certificate for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Phontasia will attend Daybreak, a habilitation program for young adults with disabilities. The program helps its students to develop social and communication skills and to become active participants in their homes and communities.

Eastchester Church is grateful to the Scholarship Committee for its encouragement of our young people. All of us at Eastchester should keep in mind that our contributions to the Scholarship Fund are investments that multiply and pay off for generations to come.



DRAMA MINISTRY

From time to time, the Drama Ministry puts on performances as part of the 10 am worship service. These brief skits are often amusing and always pertinent and thought-provoking. The Director of the Drama Ministry, Eleanor Donnley, offers an open invitation to anyone who would like to join the group. Read her list that describes this ministry and, perhaps you might be tempted to become an Eastchester thespian.

- ◆ We are not professionals.
- ◆ Most members are adults who go to business.
- ◆ We have two retirees and one teenager.
- ◆ We are few in number but are dedicated and enjoy what we do.
- ◆ We are also a peaceful, loving ministry.
- ◆ We could perform more often if you would join us.
- ◆ We are constantly soliciting additional members from teens to seniors especially men.
- ◆ We do not throw new members under the bus.
- ◆ You will not be asked to perform until you are definitely prepared.

Please consider becoming a member of the Drama Ministry. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 10 a.m. Our next meeting will be on September 9th at 10 am in the Conference Room. We hope to see you there!



**PLEASE SUPPORT THE DEACONS'
FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY!**

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

Canned: Vegetables, legumes and beans, fruits, meats/fish, soups, milk and pasta/tomato sauce

Boxed: Pasta, Mac and Cheese, cold/hot cereals, milk, juices

Small packages: Rice, dried beans/peas, dried milk

Small/Medium bottled: Peanut butter/pasta sauce.

NOT LIMITED TO THESE ITEMS. THEY JUST NEED TO BE NON-PERISHABLE

PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE BOX

AT THE REAR OF THE SANCUARY.

Mother's Day Mother's Day Mother's Day Mother's Day Mother's Day

The worship service on Mothers' Day was a moving one. Highlights of the service were contributions by three of our young people. Gabriel Maboutou read a poem dedicated to all mothers, grandmothers and caregivers. Following his reading, Jahvion Morgan and Jamir Miller shared life lessons learned under the title, "My Mother Taught Me."

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking – Anonymous

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,
and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat,
and I learned it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me,
and I knew the little things are special

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer;
and I believe there is a God I could always talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight;
and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes;
and I learned that sometimes we hurt; and it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared
and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked...
and now I want to say thanks for all the things I saw;
when you thought I wasn't looking...

My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me RELIGION

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you in the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me LOGIC

"Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me MORE LOGIC

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me"

My mother taught me FORESIGHT

"Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident.

My mother taught me IRONY

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

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My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS

“Shut your mouth and eat your supper.”

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM

“Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!”

My mother taught me about STAMINA

“You’ll sit there until all that spinach is gone.”

My mother taught me about WEATHER

“This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.”

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY

“If I told you once, I’ve told you a million times. Don’t exaggerate!”

My mother taught me about THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

“I brought you into this world and I can take you out.”

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION

“Stop acting like your father!”

My mother taught me about ENVY

“There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don’t have wonderful parents like you do.”

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION

“Just wait until we get home.”

My mother taught me about RECEIVING

“You are going to get it when you get home!”

My mother taught me about MEDICAL SCIENCE

“If you don’t stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck.”

My mother taught me ESP

“Put your sweater on. Don’t you think I know when you are cold?”

My mother taught me HUMOR

“When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don’t come running to me.”

My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT

“If you don’t eat your vegetables, you’ll never grow up.”

My mother taught me GENETICS

“You are just like your father.”

My mother taught me about my ROOTS

“Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?”

My mother taught me WISDOM

“When you get to be my age, you’ll understand.”

And my favorite:

My mother taught me about JUSTICE

“One day you’ll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!”

CHIQUITA WHITE

Chiquita V. White is the daughter of Elders Eddie and Geraldyn White. There may be a small number of people here at Eastchester Church who can recall her as a small child in the Sunday school. Today, Chiquita is the Associate Director of Hair Care Research and Development in the Proctor & Gamble Company. She has received the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) Pathfinder Award for groundbreaking work on the Pantene Gold Series, designed for historically underserved consumers. Chiquita graduated with honors from MIT. Among other distinctions, she has received the highest MIT alumni achievement honor: the Bronze Beaver Award.

On May 10th, at the 2017 YWCA Career Women of Achievement Luncheon Honoring Women Who Stand Out and Stand Up, Chiquita was one of the women so honored. Chiquita is not content to rest on her laurels. She is a leader in a team of technologists, scientists and engineers who encourage young women to pursue STEM careers. STEM careers are in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Chiquita is truly a Woman of Achievement and is richly deserving of the honor she received at the YWCA Luncheon.

PLEASE MAINTAIN YOUR OFFERING/PLEDGES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS!

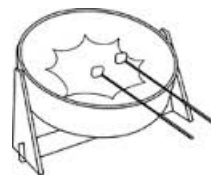
It is important that you maintain your offering/pledges during the summer months. You may be on vacation but the expenses for sustaining our church family's ministries do not take a vacation! Thank you for your on-going support!

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST'S COME TO THE TABLE 2017



The Synod of the Northeast will be hosting its Come to the Table event, September 22-23, 2017 at Stony Point Center. This event will have speakers and workshops to learn about ministry innovation and missional opportunities being developed by Presbyterians throughout the Northeast region. For more information about this event, go to www.synodne.org.

Find the PAN DRUMS!



We're having a Steel Pan Drum concert
on

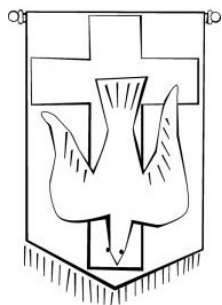
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There are 7 Pan Drums
scattered around this issue of
The Shepherd's Log.

Can you find them all?
Start with the one shown above.

Confirmation



The 2017 Confirmation Class was a small one this year with only one student being confirmed. On June 4, 2017, Ryan Douglas confirmed the vows made for him at his baptism. The teachers of the class are Yvonne Wynter and Nathaniel Christian

New Member



A new member has been added to the Eastchester Church family. Beverly Angela Hall was received into membership on June 18, 2017. We welcome Ms. Hall and look forward to a long and warm fellowship with her.



Baptisms

On May 28, 2017, **Ayden Shaun Palmer**, born June 30, 2016, was baptized by Pastor Knight. Ayden is the son of Natasha Beaumont and Shaun Palmer.

Pastor Phil baptized **Leila Amoy Campbell**, on June 11, 2017. Leila was born on December 20, 2016 and is the daughter of Leighton Campbell and Marjorie Davis.

Our Sympathy-

We extend sincerest sympathy to members of our church family who have lost loved ones:

Cleo Zephyr and her family on the passing of her father;
 Altamont and Florence Jackson on the passing of her father.
 Jessica Champagnie and her family on the passing of her father.
 Sheril Lyn and her family on the passing of her aunt.
 The family of Roy Byfield on his passing.

Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

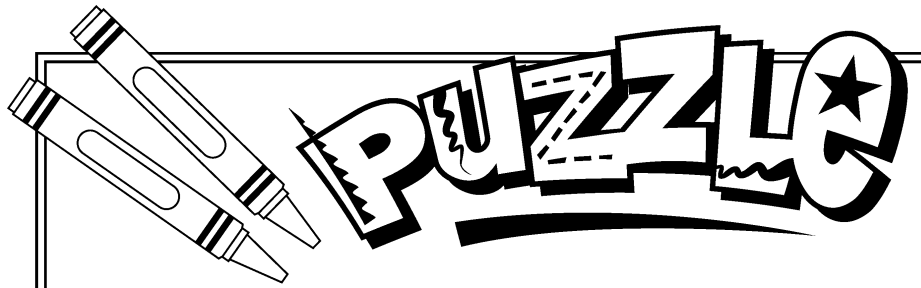
3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, rind, ripe, hide, fried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shrine, finish, shinier, insider, hinders, inspired, re/finish, finished



BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

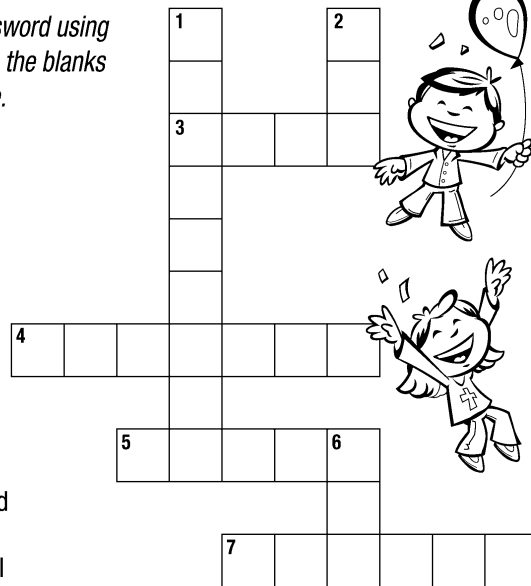
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

ACROSS

- 3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
- 4. What you do when you're very happy
- 5. A song written by David
- 7. Full of joy

DOWN

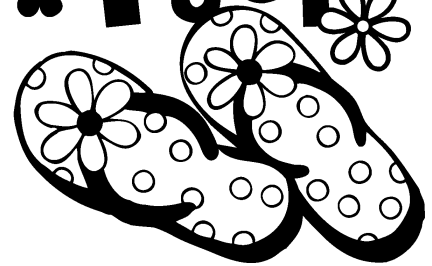
- 1. People who obey God
- 2. Our Creator
- 6. The month after April



"But may the 1. _____ be 3. _____ and
 4. _____ before 2. _____; 6. _____ they
 be happy and 7. _____." 5. _____ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. May and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV

Happy FEET



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

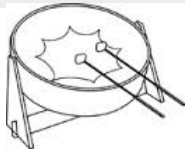
What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



Coming



Events

July

- 5 Vacation Bible Camp begins
- 8 Tres Dias Women's Reunion Group –12-1 pm
- 8 Tag Sale – Circle of Love – 12-3 pm
- 9 Summer Sunday School begins
- 14 Prayer Vigil – 7 pm
- 22 Grace Gathering -- 9 am – noon
- 22 Presbyterian Women's Bible Study –11 am-noon

August

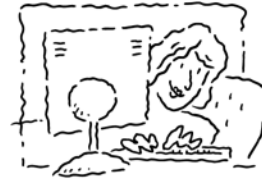
- 11 Vacation Bible Camp ends
- 12 Tres Dias Women's Reunion Group—12-1 pm
- 12 Stewardship Committee Back to School Event – noon-5 pm
- 13 Seniors' Sunday
- 13 Circle of Love "Cook-In" after service
- 20 Summer Sunday School ends
- 26 EPC Picnic sponsored by Presbyterian Men

September

- 10 Sunday School—Opening Day
- 10 Concert (See Page 3!!)

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