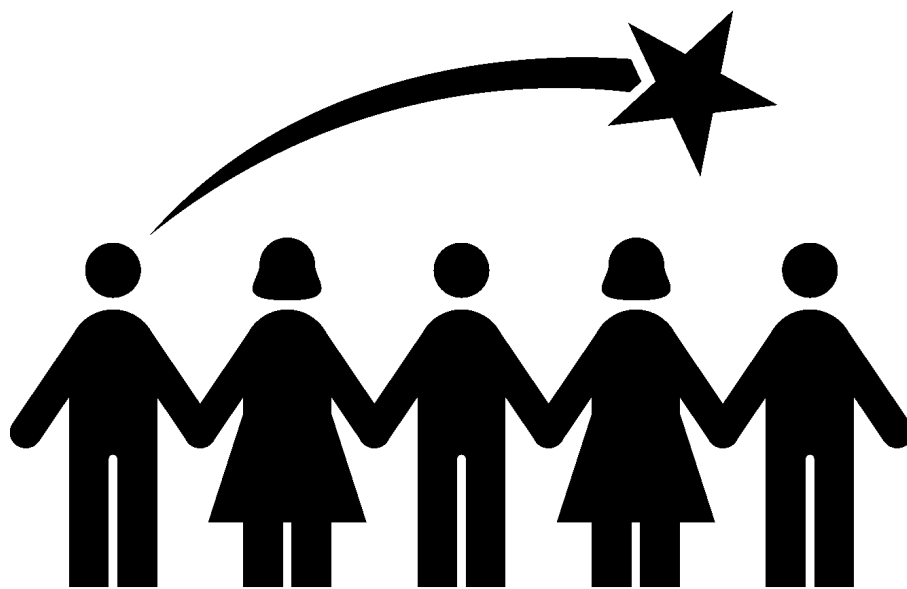


The Shepherd's Log

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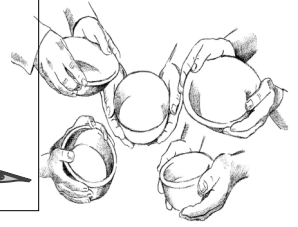


**BROTHERS
AND SISTERS,
DO NOT BE WEARY
IN DOING WHAT
IS RIGHT.**

2 Thessalonians 3:13, NRSV



REFLECTIONS



“Where there is no vision, the people perish”

Proverbs 29:18

“Good leaders must first become good servants”

Robert Greenleaf, author of Servant Leadership

Did you know that when Marines gather to eat, that the most junior members are served first and the most senior are served last? No order is given to do this. Marines just do it! “Marine leaders are expected to eat last because the true price of leadership is the willingness to place the needs of others above your own.” This is servant leadership! In his book, Leaders Eat Last, author Simon Sinek uses the United States Marine Corps as an example of the importance of leaders being focused on their people and mission. Mr. Sinek says this – “These organizations have strong cultures and shared values, understand the importance of teamwork, create trust among their members, maintain focus, and, most important, understand the importance of people and relationships to their mission success.”

As our church family moves forward later this year with new pastoral leadership, it is important that we continue to pray for the leaders of our church family as we move boldly into God’s new future. Times are a-changing, both within the church and in our society. It is important to honor our past and traditions but our church family must be open to doing things differently if we are to respond to our changing world. Change is not always easy but we must remember that some changes will be necessary if we want our church family to continue to grow spiritually and numerically.

We need to pray for the members of our Session, Deacons Board, Board of Trustees and the leaders of our ministries and committees that they will be open to God’s spirit, to see the vision that God has laid before our church family, and to carry out the mission that God is calling us to take up in serving our members and our communities. We also need to continually identify and to lift up new leaders for our church family who will be servant first! As we move toward our Nominating Committee process in November to nominate new officers for our Session, Deacons Board and Board of Trustees, prayerfully consider if God is calling you as well as others to serve in this leadership role. This is a critical time in the life of our church family as we make the transition to calling a new Senior Pastor. We need servant leaders! It is essential that your new Senior Pastor have a team of leaders willing to work with him, who will together step up and out with God, and to lead our church family into a new future.



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

Sunday ~ September 10, 2017 ~ 4:00pm

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



Mark your calendars!
Tell your family & friends!





FLEC VACATION BIBLE CAMP



This summer, the FLEC Vacation Bible Camp once again opened its doors to the church community and the community at large, as a spiritual and fun loving haven for children.

Camp started on July 5th and ended on August 11, 2017, and with the support of the Presbytery, the protective watch of Pastor Phil Tom, Pastor Knight, and the FLEC Board of Directors, the camp was able to fulfill its mission of providing a religious base for all in need. By the end of the program, seventy-two students were enrolled, one less than last year's seventy-three.

This year, the camp theme was, "Super God, Super Camper, Super Possibility", and the curriculum and music embraced this concept. The camp's schedule included Bible Study, music, drama, dance, karate, computer games, sprinkler activity, indoor games, outdoor sports, arts and crafts, and myriad trips. Venues for the trips included, bowling at Gun Post Lanes, New Roc City, the Bronx Zoo, Billy Beeze, the Van Cortlandt Museum, the Track and Field Hall of Fame, Rye Playland, Roller Jam Skating, and the final trip to Bear Mountain State Park, which consisted of a day of picnicking, scooter and carousel riding. Our originally scheduled indoor sky diving trip had to be cancelled, as many parents had difficulty paying for this one. Indeed, the cost of the trips proved overall to be very challenging for many of the parents. The expense was spiked primarily because of the high cost of transportation. We welcome any suggestions regarding how to defray this cost, so that the trips can be more affordable for all our campers, and will become less of a financial strain on the camp.

The camp continued to be monitored by the New York City Department of Health, which provides us with our permit to operate, and breakfast and lunch were sponsored by the New York City Department of Education. FLEC supplied the mid-afternoon snacks. Due to the increase in the minimum wage, FLEC was forced to raise its fees this year, in order to meet the cost. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Hyacinth Martin, who is one of our Board members and an elder in the church for sponsoring one of our campers, and for donating three computers, so that the students were kept happy and occupied this summer. Additionally, kudos to our financial team, consisting of Mrs. Mary Kirnon, Mrs. Minna McGlashan-Taylor and our administrative assistant, Mrs. Marcia Hartley, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Appreciation should also be extended to our sexton, Mr. Altamont Jackson, who was ably assisted by Mrs. Heather Allen and Mr. Frank Hall, President of the Board of Trustees; they kept the premises in good shape.

This year's camp staff was comprised of most of our after-school teachers/assistant teachers, five volunteers and a few FLEC alumni. We also received the services of twelve workers sent to us by the New York City Summer Youth Employment Program, (SYEP). These youngsters assisted us in the supervision of the children, and were adored and respected by their charges.

We would love to see more members of the church taking advantage of the services provided by the camp. For the past two years, the FLEC Board has reduced the registration fee for church members, to one-half of what other campers pay, in order to encourage more participation from members. We would like to thank church members, Tanyka Wilson, James Woolery, Brenda Gayle and Laurie Brooks year and the years thereafter. We are pleased that this year we had four young women from the church, who had volunteered in previous years. They are: Angela Domfeh, Angelina Domfeh, Akosua Domfeh, and Rachel Jessamy. Kudos to them, as they continue to be four of our best workers.

A representative of the Presbytery paid us a surprise visit on the last day of the program. We were delighted to have her, and the feedback was positive. The program ended with a fabulous closing exercise, led by the camp co-director and Bible Study teacher Mrs. Carollin Carol-Simms, praise dance instructors, the Domfeh sisters, and contemporary dance instructor, Mrs. Angela Ortiz. The concert comprised of religious songs, verses, praise dancing, African and hip hop dancing. This year the undeniable talents of our campers, the cooperation of the staff and the team work displayed by the parents were inspiring. The older campers "rocked the house" with a lively African dance that they had beautifully choreographed by themselves.

Although there were one or two glitches, overall I would like to commend our parents for their assistance and ardent cooperation. The parent of camper, Vanessa Williamson, Pastor Franklyn Williamson, did a fabulous job chairing the closing exercise. Another parent, the mother of Andell and Shandell Pippins, provided the refreshments and extra lighting for the concert without being asked. A third parent, the mother of camper, Chloe Foster, Mrs. Nandi Foster, accompanied us on one of our trips and helped to serve the lunch. On the last day, when we were under duress with wrapping up the program, she willingly bought flowers to thank our Master of Ceremonies, and made us have one less item to worry about. This is the type of team work which makes us realize that even if the program is not a money maker, it bonds the community, serves as a quiet ministry which makes our youngsters, staff, and parents more aware of God's goodness and blessings, and brings a ray of sunshine and purpose into the lives of many people.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Powell-Skerritt, Director

Grace Gathering

Everyone is Invited to an Inspirational Gathering.

Come and enjoy a Study and Group Discussion on:

God's Love for All People

Saturday, September 16, 2017

9AM - 12 Noon

in the

Clarence Daniels Social Hall

A Continental Breakfast will be served.

Revival Weekend

A Spiritual Awakening

September 22 - 24, 2017

Friday	9/22/2017	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday	9/23/2017	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Sunday	9/24/2017	10:00 am - 12:00 noon 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Speaker - Friday & Saturday: Pastor Wilton J DeGraffe
Grace Bible Tabernacle, Queens, NY

*Saturday will be dedicated to the young people,
with their full participation.*

Speaker - Sunday: Reverend Dr. Calvin Robert Kendrick
Trinity Baptist Church

Summer Sunday School

Once again, Beatrice Addo and her staff have undertaken the daunting task of teaching Bible lessons to children who are physically and mentally on vacation. To the credit of these dedicated teachers, they have kept many of our children attending the weekly classes.

Each week the children study a Bible passage and examine its application to their lives. The lesson is reinforced by challenging exercises, including crossword puzzles, word searches, puzzles, coded messages, completion and multiple-choice questions. The children enjoyed the many activities.

On the final day of Summer Sunday School, Mrs. Addo treated her charges to a surprise feast. They enjoyed sandwiches, munchkin donuts and juice. Young first-time visitors were included in all activities. Summer Sunday School's final project was the singing of "Jesus Loves Me" with additional words. Nancy Foote took each child's picture and placed it in the center of a large red heart. At the end of Sunday morning worship service, the children sang their rendition of Jesus Love Me for the congregation. Their performance was outstanding. Their enthusiasm reminded us of the importance of Summer Sunday School.

Senior Sunday

On August 13, EPC celebrated the contributions of the many seniors in our church family. The morning worship service recognized our seniors in a moving tribute by Janieke Harrigan. She emphasized the attributes which are their legacy.

After the morning service, the seniors and all others in attendance were invited to lunch in the Clarence Daniels Social Hall. The hall was a breathtaking sight. It was decorated with colorful tablecloths and beautiful arrangements of hydrangeas. It was a festive celebration. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

A special thanks goes out to the Circle of Love members, deacons, elders and other volunteers. They do not remember seniors only on one Sunday a year, but they keep in touch with them throughout the year.

SHERMAN/SE-BENG ANNIVERSARY

"Count your blessings, name them one by one." Eastchester has many blessings for which to be thankful. September 2017 marks a special anniversary in the life of this church. Thirty years ago, in September of 1987, Se-beng Koh was hired as our organist and music minister.

This may be a good time to explain why some of us refer to him as "Sherman." Sherman Sheu was his Chinese name. As a Taiwanese-American, he decided several years ago, to use his Taiwanese name, Se-beng Koh.

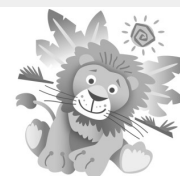
Se-beng Koh is a gifted pianist and organist and we are truly fortunate that he has remained with us for thirty years. For several of those years, he directed the choirs as well as accompanying them. He took on the task of directing the bell choir which performs several times a year. He also gives private piano lessons to students and the congregation often gets to hear them perform during the Sunday worship services.

Many of us have known this kind, generous man with his sweet sense of humor for all the years he has been with us. In a way, we have experienced his marriage and the birth of his children, Alison and Noah, both of them gifted musicians.

We thank God for Se-beng Koh and his music ministry at Eastchester Presbyterian Church.



Back-to-School Fun Day



August 19th was an amazing day. The children in our church had a fun picnic in the parking lot.

Most of us had our faces painted when we first got there. The clown painted many different faces. He painted me as a cat with eyeshadow, black and white whiskers, a black nose and red lipstick. Some other kids, which were mostly boys, were Spider Man and the Hulk.

The most fun part of the day was the magic show. The magician chose three people to be his assistants. I was one of them. The funniest act was when he put a hat on my head and it turned out to be a plunger. Everyone was laughing.

The food was TERRIFIC! We could eat as much as we wanted. They had hot dogs, hamburgers, ices, snow-cones and snacks.

Last, but not least, they gave us backpacks full of stuff we need for school. The picnic was a blast. I thank the people that did all of this for us. We love you!

Cori-Lynn Hendricks (Age 7)

Whitney McNulty - Author, Speaker, Dancer, Teacher

On Wednesday evening, July 19, 2017, members of Eastchester Presbyterian Church and friends gathered at the church to hear Whitney McNulty read poems from her book, *Awakenings*. The reading was followed by a spirited discussion about her writing and life journey.

Eastchester is blessed to have Whitney McNulty as an active member. So many of our children come through Sunday School are confirmed, go off to college and move on only to visit us once in a while. Whitney's parents, Andrew and Juliet McNulty, raised Whitney and her siblings, Danielle and Kinsley, at EPC. When she graduated from St. John's University in 2014, she came back. Actually, she never left. She brought the *praise and liturgical dance* skills she learned while participating with a dance group at the *SJU*, back to the church.

Young women at EPC had begun praise dancing. Now, because of Whitney, they are greatly inspired and are much improved under her coaching. The congregation always looks forward to Whitney's inspirational praise dancing during worship. The spirit of God radiates through her when she is presenting her gift.

Whitney is also an author, speaker and teacher. In September, she will be one of the speakers at Women's Empowerment Conference in Raleigh, NC.

Whitney also obtained her master's degree from St. John's University in General/Experimental Psychology. From her website, www.whitneymcnulty.com, you can purchase her book, *Awakenings* in soft cover or e-book and access her blog. Through her website you can also book her for your next event or use her talents as a dancer, choreographer, dance teacher, featured poet/spoken word artist, event host or empowerment speaker.

Thank you, Whitney and God bless, you. <>

Lloyd Johnson

WANTED LEADERS TO SERVE OUR CHURCH FAMILY

It's time to start thinking about members you would like to nominate to serve as an Elder, a Deacon or Trustee for our church family. The Nominating Committee will meet in November to begin considering your nominations for the Class of 2021 and to fill vacancies. Don't wait until November to start talking to each other about who should be a nominee to lead our church family.

UPDATING OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are updating our church directory. If you have a new

We Won't Know if You Don't Tell Us!

PLEASE INFORM OUR CHURCH OFFICE!

If you know of a church member who is ill, hospitalized or has lost a family member, please inform the church office. Unfortunately, we were unaware of several of our members who had recently been hospitalized because the Pastors and the church office were not informed of these situations.

Find the LIONS!

There are 9 LIONS
scattered around this issue of
The Shepherd's Log.



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

Coming Soon! **ZUMBA**

A new Zumba class will be starting at EPC in September. There will be two evening sessions and a Saturday session. We will provide you with more information about the Zumba sessions in September.

Mom's Kitchen Ministry

Our Mom's Kitchen Ministry will start again in September. Mom's Kitchen operates every Thursday. The dinner for our neighbors is served at 5:30 p.m. There is a lot of work required to prepare and serve the meals. We need volunteers to assist with the preparation of the food, the cooking of the food, setting up and serving the meals, and helping to clean up the kitchen afterward. If you can assist with any of these tasks and can give 1 hour or all afternoon, please contact Angella Phillips or Pastor Knight.

EPC MEMBERS ENGAGED

with the PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK CITY

EPC members are very involved with the life and mission of our Presbytery of New York City. The following EPC members are engaged with our Presbytery in the following roles:

- EPC Commissioner to Presbytery and Committee on Representation – Freddie Bell-Berti
- Alternate Commissioner to Presbytery – Dora Johnson
- Board of Trustees – Nat Christian
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Lloyd Johnson
- Personnel Committee – Pat Graham-Mitchell
- Congregational Ministry and Nurture Committee – Pastor Knight
- Committee on Ministry – Pastor Phil

New Member



We are delighted to welcome Patrick Tait into the Eastchester Church family. Patrick joined the church on July 16, 2017 at the 8 am service. Pastor Phil baptized Him just before receiving him as a member.

Wedding

Pastor Knight was the officiant at the wedding of Kerrine Vidal and Richard Kerr on August 25, 2017.

We pray that the happy couple will enjoy many, many years in a happy and fulfilling marriage.



Baptism

Ryland Chance Duffus, born November 9, 2016, was baptized by Pastor Knight on July 30, 2016. Ryland is the son of Stacey Elaine Smith-Duffus and Richard Daniel Duffus.



Our Sympathy-



Eastchester Church offers deepest sympathy to the families of members and friends who are mourning the loss of loved ones. We offer prayers for the following:

Linda Hutchins and family on the passing of her mother, Mildred Hill.
 Beverly Pabarue and family on the passing of her brother.
 Etta "Pat" Graham-Mitchell on the passing of her uncle.
 Cecelia Woolery on the passing of her sister-in-law.
 Vintonette Lemond on the passing of her step-mother.
 The family of Parthinia Neal on her passing.



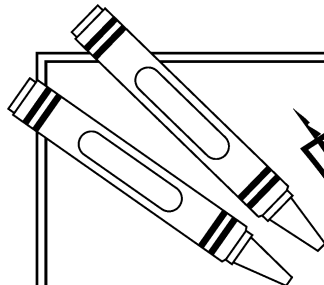
These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

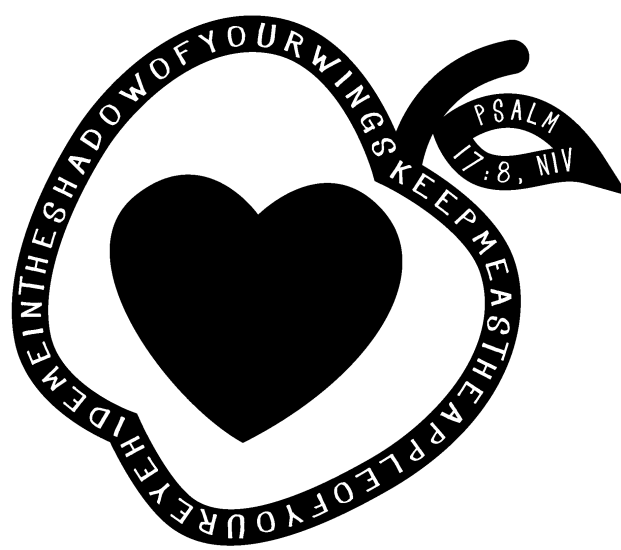


PUZZLE

APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.



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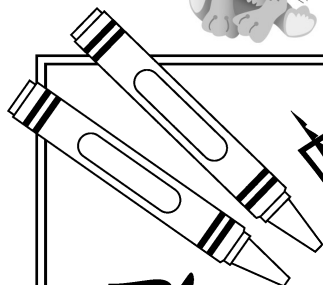
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PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV



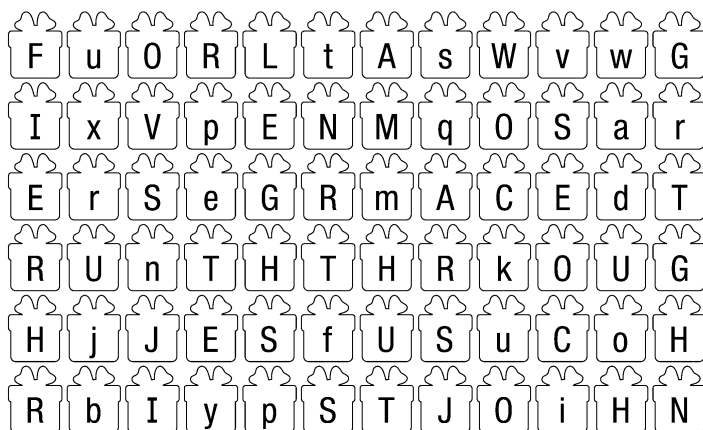


PUZZLE

The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.



" _____ the _____ was _____
 through _____ ; _____ and
 _____ came _____
 _____ ."
 _____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV

Sign of grace

Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.

What you need:

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers



What you do:

1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.



September

- 10 Sunday School resumes
- 10 Visitors' Sunday
- 10 Steel Band Concert – 4 pm
- 16 Grace Gathering – 9 am-noon
- 16 PSAT-SAT classes resume – 11 am
- 16 Tres Dias Secuela – 6 pm-10 pm
- 22 Revival – Night #1
- 23 Revival—Night #2
- 24 Revival—Night #3

October

- 1-31 Benevolence Committee Blanket Drive
- 14 Street Evangelism
- 14 Deacons' Gala
- 20 Prayer Vigil – 7 pm
- 21 Bronx Presbyterian Churches Bible Jeopardy
- 27 Hallelujah Party – 7:30 pm
- 28 Stewardship Workshop – 9 am

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