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# Eastminster Messenger

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## “Flawed Perfection”

Have you ever wondered what the perfect community would look like? Obviously, there is no such thing but if you could take all the various ratings that are offered by innumerable sources and put them together in one community, what would it look like?

You’ve got the best city for young adults, the best city for raising children, the best city for health care, the best city for recreational activities, the best city for sporting events and the best city for education. There’s even a best city for antique collectors!

So what if you put them all together in one place to create a utopian community? We all know that’s impossible and, of course, you’d end up with some contradictory “best places for” categories. For example, you’ve got a “best place for liberals” and a “best place for conservatives.” Hmm. How’s that going to work?

As we look at the book of Acts, we find a series of stories about the early Church. There are stories of the Church in dozens of cities throughout the land of Israel and beyond. There is one place, though, where we’re told what the church was like in the very beginning.

At the end of Peter’s sermon on the day of Pentecost, we’re given a description of what the earliest church in Jerusalem was like – how it operated and how it touched lives. We read the description of that church and we have a longing to be part of that kind of community. There’s probably more, though, that needs to be explored as we look closely at that first church.

Read Acts 2:42-47, where Luke gives us a description of what we might call “Flawed Perfection.”

Blessings,  
Dennis

## Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following individuals:  
Mark Hudson, Barbara, Ronnie McGinnis, Ray Schaefer, David & Joanie, Lewis & Conen Families.



Last Saturday, our Small Groups Committee sponsored a trip to the Candles Holocaust Museum in Vincennes. Everyone who participated found the experience extremely meaningful and memorable as they had the privilege of hearing a first-hand account of a survivor of the Holocaust.

Not only was the trip rich and rewarding because of the program that was experienced, but also because of the great fellowship the group shared together. Our thanks to Karla Horrell for not only making the arrangements for the trip but for even serving as our expert bus driver as well! As you hear and read of upcoming Small Group events, we hope you’ll take advantage of the many opportunities available to you.

## Times of Transition & Filling the Holes



Sometimes when we are in the midst of change, we aren’t able to see it taking place. It’s often only as we look back later that we can see all that was going on around us. We have been in a time of staff transition at Eastminster for more than a year now. Over a 14 month span, we lost 5 staff members through death or other departure. If we were an organization with a staff of hundreds, that wouldn’t be nearly as traumatic as it is when those five represent 50% of our entire staff!

In this time of transition, we’re extremely grateful to so many of you (and we trust you know who you are!) who have stepped in to do as much as you possibly can to fill the holes of those staff members who have departed.

Your commitment and service is invaluable and greatly appreciated!



Our sympathy is extended to Celia, Dennis and Anna Maria Malfatti in the death of Celia’s father on Saturday, April 29.



## Communion Sunday, May 7, 2017

### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

**LITURGIST**      **USHER**  
Dorothy Mans      Allen Helmstetter

### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

**LITURGIST**      **HEAD USHER**  
Shannon Irmscher      Mel Ellsperman

### USHERS & GREETERS

Sarah Karges & Team  
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

### COMMUNION ELDERS

Mark Nicholson      Dick Yeager  
John Niehaus      Patti Garcia  
Donna Cooke      Pam Doerter  
Vickie Rauch      Barbara Barrett

**ACOLYTE**  
Jack Garcia

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER**  
Annie Engelbrecht

**FLOWER DEACON**  
Tom Goodloe

### Eastminster Staff

Anna Cantrell - Housekeeper  
Kayla Cantrell - Nursery Worker  
Dennis R. Davenport - Pastor  
Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager  
Trey Fulkerson - Youth Director  
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper  
Dennis Malfatti - Director of Music

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# Our Kids & Youth in Action!



This past Sunday, April 30, 2017 we had the privilege of hearing our children and youth sing "Sanctuary". Thank you to Anne Pritchett for directing such a special song and of course to our children and youth for their participation!

Thank you to our Youth for doing an outstanding job in leading our entertainment for our PYOCA fundraiser which was held on Sunday, April 23, 2017!



## Youth Worship Service

Our Youth will be leading the Mother's Day Worship Service on Sunday, May 14, 2017.

All youth are encouraged to be a part of this exciting time. Please plan on attending youth group to go over the planning of the service.

## EPW RUMMAGE UPDATE



May is our final month for rummage collection for this year's sale. Your clean, gently used items are very much appreciated. Important dates to plan for are:

**Now through May 24:** Donate your clean, gently used items to our collection in the church basement and arrange for pickup of large items

**Thursday afternoons from 2 - 4 PM:** Help sort and mark items in the basement

**Sunday, May 28:** Carry-up brigade with lunch provided for our volunteers

**May 30 - June 1:** Pickup of large items, set-up in Fellowship Hall and acceptance of baked goods for Country Kitchen bake sale June 2nd & 3rd

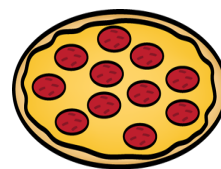
### June 2-3: SALE DATES

Anyone who would like to help may work with pre-sorting on Thursday afternoons, set-up and marking the week prior to the sale, providing baked goodies for the bake sale, manning a check-out station or helping shoppers the days of the sale. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Huffaker. THANK YOU!



Tuesday, May 9, at 6:15 at Ma T 888 China Bistro  
**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!** Contact the church to make yours

## Assembly Night



If you are serving on Session or a session committee, please remember to sign up for the Assembly Night meal that will be held on Wednesday, May 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Pizza & drinks will be served so it's good to have a count on what to order. The sign up sheet is located in the Narthex or see Mel Ellsperman for assistance.



## Community & World Missions

### MISSION: POSSIBLE+

The plans are proceeding for our mission trip. We will be leaving on July 15, and returning to Evansville on July 23 or 24. Many thanks to those who were able to attend our meeting on Sunday! The trip is open to everyone, youth and adult. If you are interested in going with us and weren't able to make it to the meeting, please get in touch with the church or Donna Cooke. We'd be delighted for you to join us!

### Sis. Joanna's Table



*As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, You did it for me.*

May 13 is our Saturday to help at Sister Joanna's table. Please consider joining us in providing lunch for people in our community. We will have a sign up sheet

in Fellowship Hall, or just let the church know you can help out. You will never feel as good as you do when helping someone else.

The Blood Drive was a tremendous success! Thank you for your commitment to such a worthy cause. And big thanks, and congratulations to Mike Lee and Karen (our rep from the Red Cross) for a spectacular job. Well done!



PYOCA



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## Send a Kid to Camp!

Donations are still being accepted and needed to help off-set the cost of our kids going to camp. Please consider donating....Thank you!



Sponsor a whole camper \$225

Share with a friend  
\$112.50 + \$112.50



Gather a Group  
\$56.25 + \$56.25 + \$56.25 + \$56.25



Chip in with a Crew  
\$35.50 + \$37.50 + \$37.50 + \$37.50 + \$37.50 + \$37.50