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# Eastminster Messenger

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## Youth Leading Worship



This Sunday is Mother's Day. What better time for us to highlight our youth and have them lead us in worship!

Over the years, we have seen a lot of young people grow up in this congregation and then move on to other places and other ventures in life. It's always exciting to see those young people return home and share the ways that God is leading them in life.

This past Sunday we saw Jennifer (Biggs) Martin and her daughter, Bree. There they were, sitting near the front with Jennifer's mother, Jane, and Joyce Newman as Joyce celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Jennifer has been a part of this church family for virtually her entire life and what a blessing it was for Jane, Joyce and all of us!

This month, we have one of our young people graduating from seminary. Will Mattingly will graduate from the Covenant Theological Seminary with a Master of Arts in Counseling. We have all seen Will grow up as a vital part of this congregation.

There are so many other young people of this church family who have ventured out in faith and followed the path that God has set before them.

This Sunday, we will have the privilege of being led in worship by those who will, in the next few years, be doing the same thing – following the path that God has set before them in life.

Join us for what promises to be a creative and exciting opportunity for all of us as our youth celebrate Mother's Day by leading us in worship.

Blessings,  
Dennis

For May 21

## "The Hope Within"



Many of you will remember the opening line of the immensely popular book, The Road Less Traveled by Scott Peck. His first three words of his first chapter are "Life is difficult." Why those opening words became so well-known is a mystery because there's nothing original or groundbreaking in saying something like that. We all know that to be true – or do we?

I think the words which follow in Peck's book are the ones that give meaning to that statement. He says, "*This is a great truth, one of the greatest truths. It is a great truth because once we truly see this truth, we transcend it. Once we truly know that life is difficult – once we truly understand and accept it – then life is no longer difficult. Because once it is accepted, the fact that life is difficult no longer matters.*"

Whew! That's a lot to ponder, isn't it? I think it's an incredibly freeing concept. It enables us to just live, without the burden of fear over what lies before us. I think of those words of Peck when I read our Epistle scripture lesson for Sunday, May 21. It's a passage that has always been one of my favorite passages (how many of those is one allowed to have?).

Read I Peter 3:13-17 where we find great comfort and consolation as Peter reminds us of "The Hope Within."

Blessings,  
Dennis



The Messenger will not be published next week, May 15, 2017.

### Sunday, May 14, 2017



#### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

**LITURGIST** Youth  
**USHER** Youth

#### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

**LITURGIST** Youth  
**HEAD USHER** Mel Ellsperman

**USHERS & GREETERS**  
Youth

**ACOLYTE**  
Ian Garcia

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER**  
Annie Engelbrecht

**FLOWER DEACON**  
Tom Goodloe

### Sunday, May 21, 2017

#### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

**LITURGIST**  
John Niehaus

**USHER**  
Dorothy Mans

#### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

**LITURGIST**  
John Niehaus

**HEAD USHER**  
Mel Ellsperman

**USHERS & GREETERS**  
Sarah Karges & Team  
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

**ACOLYTE**  
Lilly Ferguson

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER**  
Annie Engelbrecht

**FLOWER DEACON**  
Tom Goodloe

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For several years, we had a very well-organized and effective prayer chain and many of you have served as members of it. We are in the process of re-organizing our prayer chain and invite you to consider becoming a part of it. Leslie Webb has offered to serve as the coordinator of our Prayer Chain. If you are interested in becoming one of its links, we invite you to call the church office and make plans to attend a very brief training session on Sunday, May 21 following 10:30 worship. We will have five teams of 4-10 individuals who will be notified of prayer requests as they are received. It is a very simple, yet very meaningful way to play an active role in the life of the church and to bring comfort to those in need.

## The Big Spring Changeover!



Every fall and every spring, we make the change in our building from heat to air (or vice versa). That changeover always leaves us with days when it's either too hot or too cold in the building. Unfortunately, though, once the change is made, it's made. It's not like our houses where we can switch back and forth from heat to air, depending on what the weather is. Our system doesn't allow for that and so it's a good idea to consider the weather and dress accordingly for the next few weeks. It's also important to know that the thermostats are set as they should be and trying to adjust them will be counterproductive. If you try to warm a room, changing the thermostat will only make it colder. Therefore, DO NOT try to adjust any of our thermostats. Very soon, none of this will be an issue – until the fall changeover!



Our sympathy is extended to Annie Gregg in the death of her brother.

Thanks to Gary & Peggy Pennington!



As you can see, the benches in the courtyard are getting a complete makeover, thanks to Gary & Peggy Pennington. Two of them are completed and the Penningtons are now working on the third of five. When finished, they look better than they did when they were brand new! Thanks Gary & Peggy!

Thank you Tony McClees!



With the departure of Nance Fiester, Tony McClees has agreed to maintain our new (in the works) website.

Tony has been very busy updating and working with the web software that will soon launch our new and improved website. If you host an event, or are a part of a small group, or find any photo(s) worthy of sharing with us at the church for the new website, please send them to Mary at [epc@epcevv.com](mailto:epc@epcevv.com) or directly to Tony at [tmcclees@illinois.edu](mailto:tmcclees@illinois.edu).

Tony will also be working with our digital newsletter and we hope to have that up and running very soon. Thanks again Tony!

## Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following individuals:

Ken H, Mark Hudson, Barbara, Ronnie McGinnis, Ray Schaefer, David & Joanie, Lewis & Conen Families, Sarah Yeager McKee, Jordan Hughes family & Halee Rathgeber family.

A great time was had by all who attended the Mother/Daughter Banquet



Carolyn Tying & Great-niece Paige



Our "guys" working hard in the kitchen



Patsy Sproatt & family



## THANK YOU FROM EPW



*THANK YOU to all our helpers at Sunday's Mother-Daughter Banquet: To the committee and additional helpers who transformed the room so beautifully, and to all the gentlemen, who served and cleaned up and pampered the ladies, we are so grateful. Bob Hoffman's lovely music blessed our joyful fellowship together. Thank you also to everyone who stayed afterwards to return the room and the kitchen to their usual state! Kudos to every one of you!*

## 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!