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# Eastminster Messenger

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## "The Widows Might"

It only comes around every three years – this reading in Mark's gospel. Whenever it does, I can't resist it because it always falls during the time of stewardship. It's purely by coincidence that it falls when it does. I suppose this is one of those occasions, though, that we should more accurately say, "it's purely by *providence* that it falls when it does."

There is perhaps no more powerful and meaningful declaration or example of sacrificial giving than the story of the poor widow who gave everything she had to God. The story isn't meant to lay guilt upon us for what we give or *don't* give.

In fact, the story – as its found in Mark's gospel – is really two stories. Though the stories are related, there is a distinctive quality about each. Next week (November 18) is Commitment Sunday. It's a great time to hear again a story of someone who loved God enough that she was willing to give everything she had as an expression of that love. Read Mark 12:38-44 where we learn about "The Widow's Might."

Blessings,  
Dennis

### Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: Angela Bethel & Melba Hutchinson, Greg, Charles & Thomas Terry. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or contact the Church Office.

### WHY I GIVE...

- It's my obligation
- Because I love God
- As thanks to God
- To be blessed by giving
- To support my church
- To help others through my church
- To invest in the community
- Because everything I have belongs to God
- To honor those who came before us and as a legacy for the future
- By giving, I grow spiritually

### Ladies' Night Out

All women are invited to join in the fun at Ladies' Night Out. We will be meeting on Tuesday, November 13 at 6 p.m. Please call the church at 812/476-3355 to sign up or to get more information.

## Sunday, November 11, 2018

### 8:00 A.M. Service

#### Liturgist

Marilyn Ellsperman

#### Usher

Rebecca Conen

### 10:30 A.M. Service

#### Liturgist

Marilyn Ellsperman

#### Head Usher

Mel Ellsperman

#### Ushers & Greeters

Carrie Mogavero & Team  
Marilyn Ellsperman, Pat & Jayne Manis

#### Acolyte

Garrett Ferguson

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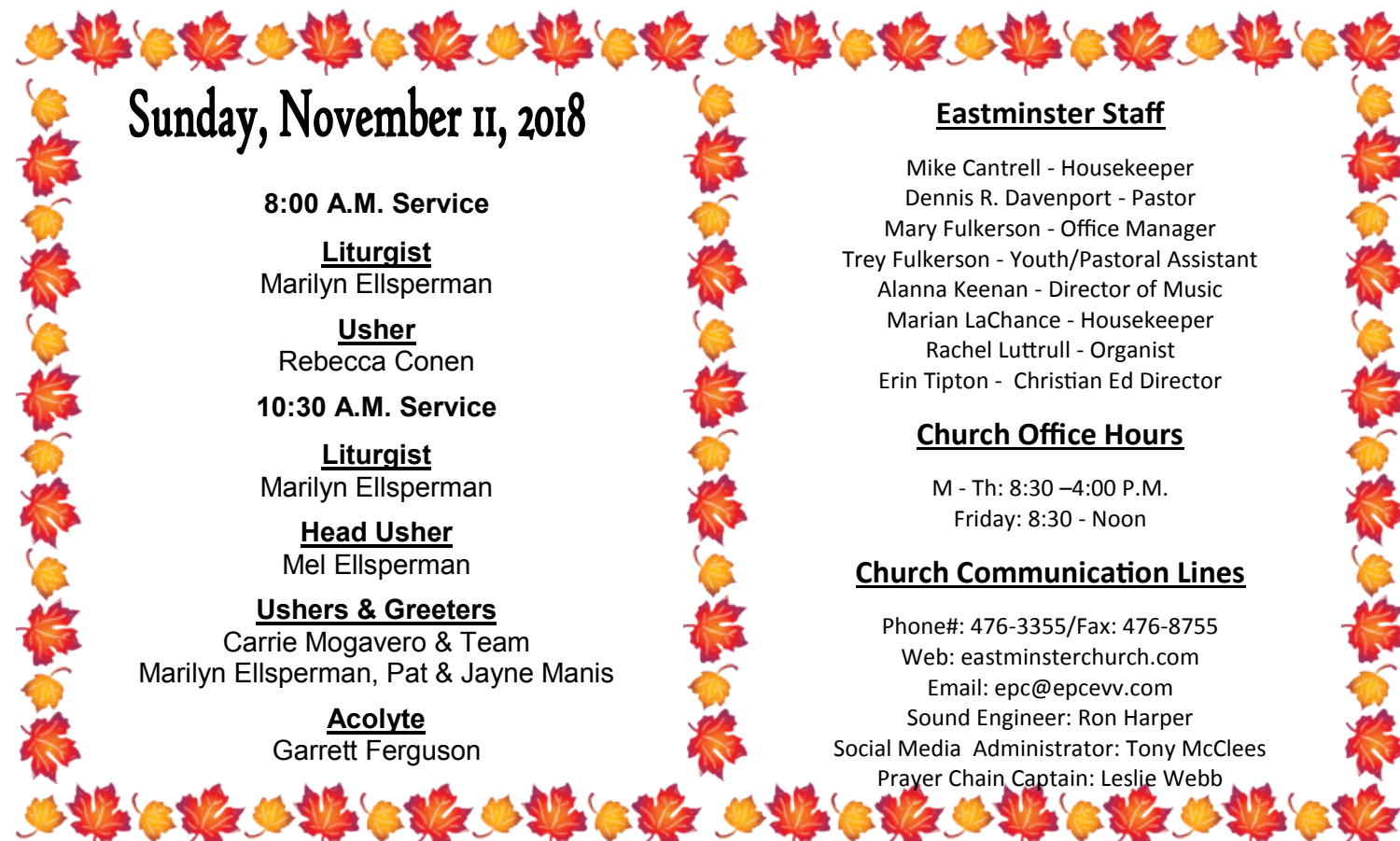
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# Stewardship - 2018

This past August 25<sup>th</sup> we were delighted to celebrate the wedding and marriage ceremony of our second oldest daughter, Caroline. She married a remarkable young man, Kyle Sullivan at a destination wedding in Petoskey, MI. Those of you who have married children know how joyous, emotional and unforgettable those weddings can be.

39 years ago, on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1979, Carrie and I celebrated our wedding right here in this sanctuary. That too was unforgettable and a real blessing to me. (I was so young and blissfully unaware of all the details and logistics that go into the wedding).

I didn't know and can't remember all those pre-wedding details leading up to that that wonderful event. I had no idea about the preparation for that great day. ie..the invitations, flowers, the planning, the band, all of the logistics of the wedding and reception.

Believe me, it's an eye-popper and potentially a very stressful undertaking when you plan it with and for your daughter. Every little detail becomes very important to somebody. Nevertheless, you never forget anything about that day particularly **where you get married!** We felt very blessed to be married in this lovely sanctuary at Eastminster (by the way, then, the walls were POWDER BLUE).

Over the years, we've had all four of our children baptized here at Eastminster. Christine, Caroline, Anne & Brad. This is a great place to celebrate and worship. In the past 39 years, I've witnessed some wonderful experiences at this great church. I was reminded of an email from a friend which I completely agree with. It has to do with sermons & food.

Dennis, I am sorry to say this, but, I can't remember most of your sermons over the last several decades.....nearly 2,000! However, I realize that overtime, listening to and learning from your sermons and God's word helps me and each one of us to improve our thoughts, words & actions.

We become part of a welcoming Christian community of faith, that offers grace rather than judgement. Putting it another way, I can't remember all of Carrie's meals over the past four decades, either. All told, I believe she has prepared more than 24, 960 meals for me. She is a remarkable cook and does it with loving grace.

Luckily for me, and I know my family agrees with me, she is very gifted when it comes to cooking. Look, I do know this, her meals and support have **nourished me physically & emotionally** all these years. I'd be dead without it!! Naturally her love, wisdom, caring companionship has been an enormous blessing to me as well.

Likewise, here at Eastminster for nearly four decades, I've been **spiritually nourished**, thanks to you Dennis. So...I'll say it AGAIN, although I may not remember most of those sermons, they've been pretty darn good! I love Dennis's dedication & commitment to the congregation and his care for his flock. This is a remarkable place. I've been touched by how clean, comfortable, and tidy things are around here. It's not just this physical place however – although that's a big part of it. Thanks to Dennis, here, we learn the joy of our loving God!

Speaking of learning in a remarkable place, on Tuesday nights at 6:55 p.m. as you drive by Eastminster it's touching to see a full parking lot. Approximately 200 men enjoy BSF (Bible Study Fellowship). I've been doing this for seven years and it's great to see so many men from this community participating in basic bible study in our wonderful church.

At this church, I've come to know Jesus' sacrifice for us, God's discipline and His love. He is indeed a loving God who wants us to focus on him and that's a very good thing! I am grateful for this holy place called Eastminster. I give because of the blessings and spiritual nourishment I've received over these many years.

As the stewardship campaign rolls on, I hope you will appreciate your blessings and be grateful for God's love. Be thankful for this holy and extraordinary place.

As we move into the campaign, join me, and **please give generously!**

*Pete Mogavero*



## THANK YOU TO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP!

If you happen to drive past the church on any given Tuesday evening during the school year, you'll see virtually every spot in our parking lot is being used. Each week, 120-150 men from more than 30 churches in our community are here for Men's Bible Study Fellowship. What a great privilege for us to serve as the host of such a great ecumenical gathering of men in our community!

BSF is as thankful to be here as we are to have them. They were recently made aware of our Capital Campaign and on just two successive Tuesdays, passed a basket and raised more than \$3,000 for our campaign! What a wonderful display of Christian generosity from BSF!



### SISTER JOANNA'S TABLE

One of the regular opportunities for service that is available to all of us is that of providing a meal at Sister Joanna's Table on the second Saturday of every other month. Eastminster will be hosting a meal on **Saturday, November 10.**

If you would be interested in helping, simply arrive at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 301 SE 1 St. Street, between 9:30-10:30 and you'll be given something to do. There is a need for assistance with set-up, food prep, serving and clean-up.

This is a tremendous opportunity to join with fellow church members in providing a much needed service to our community. If you would like more information about the details, call the church office. Chris Kuhs of our Community & World Missions Committee is our coordinator of this wonderful community program.



## Christian Education

### Children's Worship Leader Schedule

**11/11/18—Beth Bailey**  
**11/18/18—Annie Engelbrecht**  
**11/25/18—Sabrina Holden**  
**12/2/18—Advent Lunch practice**  
**12/9/18—Gordon Wiley**  
**12/16/18—Beth Bailey**  
**12/23/18—Sabrina Holden**  
**12/30/18—Annie Engelbrecht**

**Please find a new sign up sheet for the 2019 Children's Worship Leader Schedule on the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Prayerfully consider volunteering a morning or two with our children.**

**Shoeboxes are due  
11-11-18! Thank you so  
much for your participation  
and sharing the  
love of Christ  
throughout the  
world.**



### Thanksgiving Processional



On Sunday, November 18, 2018, the children and youth will process during the first hymn of the 10:30 a.m. worship service to fill the cornucopia and food basket. We are continuing the tradition that began two years ago and we ask that the children bring one canned good with a 2019 expiration date to carry during the processional. In one hand they will carry their canned food item and in the other hand they will carry their item to fill the cornucopia. Please meet Erin Tipton at 10:15 a.m. in the gallery to prepare for the processional.

