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# Eastminster Messenger

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## THREE IN ONE



*No, I'm not referring to the Trinity – or to oil. I'm talking about this issue of "The Messenger." Because of the end-of-the-year calendar, we will not have a newsletter until January 8. That means there will be two weeks without one – as long as we've ever gone without publishing a newsletter over the past 27 years! What we'll try to do in this one is provide you with all the information about events taking place for the next two weeks – including three sermons – this Sunday, Christmas Eve and December 30.*

## Sunday, December 23 "Play It Again, Mary"

As we continue our series on "Secular Books, Movies & Songs That Speak to the Soul," we're going to cheat a bit this week – in two ways. First of all, we've already done a song but we're going to do another one. Secondly, the song we'll use this Sunday is not a secular one. Some might even argue that it's not even a song.

Our lectionary gospel reading, though, for the fourth Sunday of Advent is just too perfect for this series to pass up. Read Luke 1:39-55 where I think we'd all like to say, at this point in time, "Play It Again, Mary!"

## Christmas Eve – 6:45 PM\* "Keeping Christmas"

We'll stay with the same series on Christmas Eve and even though we covered the book portion with Trey's sermon this past Sunday, we'll look at another piece of literary art that I think we all need to hear.

Our Christmas Eve service will be similar to what we have done in the recent past with it being a service of "Lessons and Carols" and will include Holy Communion as well as (of course) "Silent Night" by candlelight. \*One extra added bonus this year will be a 15 minute pre-service time to sing a lot of your favorite Christmas carols. Join us at 6:45 on Christmas Eve.

## Sunday, December 30 "All Things New"

The end of one year and the beginning of another is always a good time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. The lectionary Old Testament reading for New Year's Sunday is the most well-known passage in the book of Ecclesiastes – the "time for this and time for that" passage. It tells us of the importance of timing in our lives – being perceptive enough to see how God is calling us at various times for various purposes.

The corresponding New Testament passage is one of the most uplifting passages in all of scripture, but one that we rarely understand properly. It's found in the book of Revelation and it seems to run counter to much of what we believe about eternal life and the end of time. It's a perfect passage for the beginning of a new year.

Read the powerful words of John in Revelation 21:1-6 as we hear him tell us of the way in which God will make "All Things New."

Blessings,  
Dennis



## Newburgh & Eastminster Christmas Caroling



This past Sunday, in the first joint event between the Newburgh Presbyterian Church and the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, a dozen members of each congregation joined together for an evening Christmas Caroling, Food & Fellowship. Friends-at-Home from both congregations were visited as we traveled in two different groups with 6 from both churches in both groups.

We then returned to the Newburgh Church where they prepared a wonderful meal for everyone. What a great way to begin our process of joining together as one church!

Sunday, December 23, 2018

### 8:00 A.M. Service

**Liturgist**  
Dottie Mans

**Usher**  
Tony McClees

### 10:30 A.M. Service

**Liturgist**  
Patti Garcia

**Head Usher**  
Mel Ellsperman

**Ushers & Greeters**  
Pam Doerter & Team  
Marilyn Ellsperman, Pat & Jayne Manis

**Acolyte**  
Chloe Webb

Sunday, December 30, 2018

### 8:00 A.M. Service

**Liturgist**  
Karla Horrell

**Usher**  
Matt Fiedler

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**OFFICE HOURS EVERY THURSDAY**  
**4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.**

This Sunday, December 23, we will meet for Youth Group where we will have a lesson and then a time of fellowship.

I hope to see you in The Place,  
Trey

**MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**

*The entire Eastminster staff  
would like to extend  
Happy Holiday wishes to  
you and your family  
as we celebrate  
the birth of the Christ Child.*

*Dennis  
Mary, Trey  
Erin  
Alanna, Rachel  
Marian, Mike &  
Cortlynn*

**The office will be closed from December 25th -  
January 2, 2019. The next issue of the  
Messenger will be on January 8, 2019.**



## Christmas Joy Offering

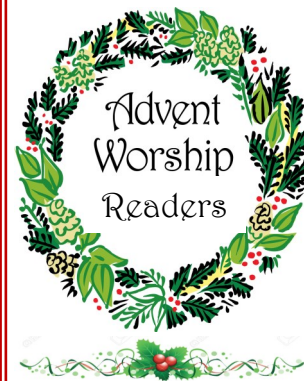
The Joy Offering is designated to help those in ministry who encounter unexpected needs and offer assistance for theological students to continue their education. This offering will be received this Sunday, December 23rd. Please give generously so that our gifts may increase the joy for our brothers and sisters in Christ.



## Important Dates to Remember!

Assembly Night will meet on  
Wednesday, January 9th at 6 PM.

Session will meet on  
Wednesday, January 23rd at 6 PM.



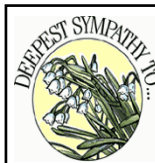
**December 23**

8:00 AM:  
The Congn Family

10:30 AM:  
The Montgomery Family

**December 24**

7:00 PM:  
The Engelbrecht Family



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ralph Tate who passed away on Friday, December 14, 2018.

## Prayers & Concerns

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

# Christian Education

**Thank  
You**

A HUGE thank you to **Chris Kuhs, Sabrina Holden, and Daniel Holden** who presented the Eastminster Congregation with a wonderful Christmas Pageant telling the story of Christ's birth. Daniel rehearsed with the kids every Sunday in children's worship for several weeks. Sabrina and Chris wrote out songs for the kids to practice, typed up scripts, dressed kids in costumes, and worked hard to bring it all together. The children and youth looked great and did a wonderful job!!!

### UPCOMING DATES

**1/9/19**

CE Committee meeting @ 6:30p.m.

**3/10/19**

Memory Work Contest begins

**Start looking for your memory  
work books! Memory contest be-  
gins in March!**



### HELP NEEDED!

The CE committee could really use your help filling spots in Children's Worship in 2019. Children's Worship is the time just after the Children's Sermon when the children (4 yrs. through 2nd grade) go back to room 103 for their own time of worship. Lessons are provided and can be found next to the receptionist desk in the office. Please contact Erin Tipton or the office and let us know if you would be willing to help. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex as well.

## Christmas Pageant 2018



The angels



Joseph and Mary



The wisemen



The shepherds



The narrators



All children and youth

*For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11*

