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# Eastminster Messenger

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## “First Fruits”

Has this year seemed to go at a neck break speed that didn’t slow down post holidays with that winter lull of January and February?

Are you as shocked as I am that Ash Wednesday is here?

I don’t know if this is true for you as well, but I am actually looking forward to a time to slow down and spend time focusing on Christ and the sacrifice that he made for me. I want to spend time finding ways to walk beside him in ways that give me fresh eyes and new understandings, that help me to appreciate the stories that are familiar.

And though it might seem unusual, we will begin our Lenten journey, not in the New Testament, but instead in the Old Testament. Our scripture reading this week provides us with a different Lenten perspective that perhaps will provide us with those new eyes.

Read Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and join me as we begin our Lenten walk.

Blessings  
Barb



### Come One, Come All!!

Dr. Davenport has left many terrific books behind that he no longer needs. They are free for the taking.

Come to the office during regular hours or on Sunday morning and peruse his collection.

Take anything that inspires you. He will appreciate the fact that his books are finding good homes!

## Update on our Transitional Pastor Search

In January, the Eastminster Transitional Pastor Search Committee, elected by session, began the search process for a Transitional Pastor (formerly known as Interim Pastor). The search involves a coordination of efforts between the Transitional Pastor Search Committee, your session, and the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

A significant milestone was reached this past week with the completion of the Ministry Information Form (MIF) document. The content of the MIF will enable pastors who may be interested in our transitional pastor position to learn more about our congregation and our hopes for pastoral leadership. Last Wednesday, the session approved the MIF, and it was subsequently sent to Presbytery for final approval.

After Presbytery approval, the MIF will be posted on the Christian Leadership Connection (CLC) matching and referral system of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Christian Leadership Connection tool will help us to gather names of qualified candidates for further evaluation.

While the Transitional Pastor search moves forward, the session (with the Worship & Music Committee and our church staff) have taken other temporary steps to keep things running smoothly. This includes arranging for guest preachers for Sunday Worship. **Important note:** None of the guest preachers filling the pulpit temporarily are candidates for our Transitional Pastor position, and they are not “auditioning” for the position.

If you have questions about the Transitional Pastor search, you may speak with any member of the Transitional Pastor Search Committee: Barb Ferguson, Tim Fiedler, Patti Garcia, Karla Horrell, Shannon Irmscher, Melissa Mattingly and John Niehaus. Also, please keep these individuals and the work of the Committee in your daily prayers.

Sunday, March 10, 2019

### 8:00 A.M. Service

#### Liturgist

Donna Cooke

#### Usher

Tony McClees

### 10:30 A.M. Service

#### Liturgist

Donna Cooke

#### Head Usher

Mel Ellsperman

#### Ushers & Greeters

Karla Horrell & Team  
Marilyn Ellsperman,  
Jayne & Pat Manis

#### Acolyte

Addison Fritz

### Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Housekeeper  
Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager  
Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assist.  
Alanna Keenan - Director of Music  
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper  
Rachel Luttrull - Organist  
Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

### Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.  
Friday: 8:30 - Noon

### Church Communication Lines

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# Sister Joanna’s Table

This Saturday, March 9th, the Mission Committee will be serving lunch to those in need at Sister Joanna's Table. Sister Joanna's table is located in St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 1st Street in downtown Evansville

The Missions Committee will be working hard from about 11am until roughly 1:30pm and strongly encourages all who are able to come and assist us in our beautiful mission to serve our Evansville community.

If you have any questions regarding how you can help, please call the church office for details.



# Bereavement Luncheons

On the death of a Church member, the Board of Deacons continues to offer the family a meal in Fellowship Hall following the funeral service. This gives families time to be together and to reflect, many times with out-of-town members, and is always appreciated. Chicken is usually provided as the entrée and congregation members are asked to contribute a salad, vegetable, bread, or dessert item, and/or to be present to help with setting up the room, serving, and cleaning up.

Our current volunteer list is several years old; therefore, please take a moment to consider if you can help, and if so, fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate or bring it by the office. Thank you.

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Please put my name on the list to be called to help with Bereavement lunches.

☐ I usually prefer to bring a Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable \_\_\_\_\_ Bread \_\_\_\_\_ Dessert \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will come to help set up, serve, and clean up.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# Prayers & Concerns

**Please pray for the following:** Borden Collins' family, Leroy Hartz family, Bryan Figg, Doris Grabhorn, Steve Gutridge, Christine Matzen, Tina Allen, Dave & Bobbi Moran, David Kishline, Barry Hill, Mary Lou Matzen, Dave Moran's brother-in-law, Gary; Jenny Murphy's father, Jerry Nagle; Jenny Murphy's brother, Patti Rusche, Virginia Rahn, Lillian Tierney, Jane Williams, Melba Hutchinson, Sonny Queen, Charles M, Greg Ward & the family of Rick Ward, family of Winnie Craig, and Trish Toelle.

**If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or Dave Matzen at [davidallyn39@gmail.com](mailto:davidallyn39@gmail.com)**

**Remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour this Saturday night. Day Light Saving Time starts!**



Join us for a mystery dinner on April 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. We will spend the evening solving a mystery through clues given by those who are enacting characters. Sign up to be one of the characters or just come as one of the party-goers and help solve the mystery.

Call the church office to make your reservation. Please note if you are willing to be one of the characters. The charge for this event, including dinner, will be \$10.00 per person.



Sympathy is extended to Dorothy Carothers and family in the death of Joe Carothers.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Borden Collins who passed away February 26, 2019.

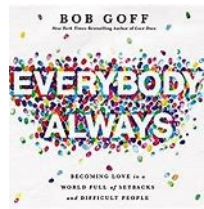
Sympathy is extended to Sheila Wayne in the death of Lisle Wayne, who passed away on March 3, 2019.



# Christian Education

## Children's Worship

March 10th—Erin Tipton  
March 17th—Suzette Fritz  
March 24th—Erin Tipton  
March 31st—Stacie Schalasky  
April 7th—Erin Tipton  
April 14th—Stacie Schalasky  
April 21st—Erin Tipton  
April 28th—Sabrina Holden  
May 5th—Erin Tipton  
May 12th—Stacie Schalasky  
May 19th—Sabrina Holden  
May 26th—Erin Tipton  
Please consider volunteering!! Thanks so much!!



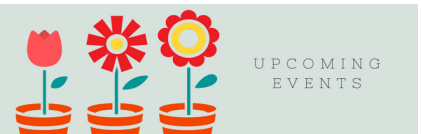
## Everybody Always Book Study

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who participated in our most recent book study. We finished the book study and DVD series last Thursday. It was a truly wonderful time of fellowship and story sharing and laughter. I think our biggest take-aways were just being more conscious of how we approach others and to do our very best to see people as made in the image of God. If you read the book, I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Remember Bob Goff is coming to Evansville and you can get more details from the Vineyard bookstore. I am on the hunt for a new book so we can try this again. I will let you know what I find and when we will begin a new study. —Erin



The H2O Project will begin this Sunday. Please take a bottle of water (available in the Narthex) to remind you to drink water during Lent and use the money you save to help those around the world to have access to clean safe drinking water! Thank you!  
—The Christian Education Committee

*Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life. - John 4:14 The Message*



**3/10/19 Memory Contest Begins/H2O Project begins**  
**3/13/19 Assembly night—CE meeting @6:30pm**  
**4/14/19 Palm Sunday Processional for children and youth/Easter Egg Hunt**  
**4/21/19 Easter/Rain date for Easter Egg Hunt**

**Our Memory Contest starts March 10, 2019!!**  
**Are you ready? Do you need a new book?**  
**Check with Erin!**

