

**EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**5501 Washington Avenue**  
**Evansville, IN 47715**

**RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED**

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
 U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
 Permit No. 2682  
 Evansville, IN 47708



# Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

Volume 35, Issue 30

August 20, 2019



## From the Pulpit

"Who Do You Think You Are?"

I can't help but ask myself this question every time it is my turn to preach. A big reason for this is that I have spent my entire life at Eastminster. Members of this congregation were my Sunday school teachers, my Bible study leaders, and in many were my mentors. As an unqualified and inexperienced young man, I cannot express how difficult it is to stand behind a pulpit and look out at the very people who taught me everything I know about the Bible and try to share something meaningful with them - especially when more often than not the message I am trying to share is one that one of you has already, either knowingly or unknowingly, shared with me! These last few months have launched me into a crisis of identity and position. I often think of the story of Samson, a man who often found himself doing things he had no business doing. Although his story is not a perfect metaphor for my experience, it at times is one that I find relatable. Reflect on Judges 13:1-15 and Samson's story; think about what God is calling you to do in this final stop of great transition.

Blessings, Trey



## Introducing the Reverend Dr. Scott V. Solether

Reverend Solether will join us on September 1 as our new Transitional Pastor.

Born and raised in Ohio, he is no stranger to the Midwest. Reverend Solether is a graduate of Asbury College in

Wilmore, Kentucky, with a major in Christian Education and a Vocal Performance Minor. He did his graduate work at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and holds a doctoral degree from the Institute for Worship Studies in Orange Park, Florida.

Over his 36 years of ministry, Dr. Solether has served churches in Michigan (White Pigeon and Palmyra), West Virginia (Moundsville), Tennessee (Jonesborough), Indiana (Portland), Kansas (Great Bend), and North Carolina (Rocky Mount). For much of that time he was an installed pastor. He has also served as a Designated pastor and entered the interim ministry several years ago.

Missions have always been a part of his ministry. Dr. Solether has taken mission trips to Brazil, the Philippines, Mexico, and Alaska as well as trips around the country.

Pastor Solether is married to Tammy and has three adult children - Brandon, Kenton, and Cameron. Tammy and Scott are blessed to have three grandchildren - Chucky, Chase, and Persephone.

Coming to Evansville for the Solethers is like coming home. Tammy's family live in New Albany, Indiana, and they look forward to being closer to them and to their son and grandchildren in Illinois. Though Dr. Solether is a temporary pastor, he looks forward to ministering with Eastminster and getting to know each of you.

\*\*\*\*\*

### Eastminster Staff

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

### Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 - 3:00 P.M.  
 Friday: 8:30 - Noon

### Church Communication Lines

Phone#: 476-3355/Fax: 476-8755  
 Web: eastminsterchurch.com  
 Email: epc@epcevv.com  
 Sound Engineer: Ron Harper  
 Social Media Admin: Tony McClees  
 tmcclees@illinois.edu  
 Prayer Chain Captain: Leslie Webb

## Sunday, August 25, 2019

### 8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist  
 Dorothy Mans

Usher  
 Tony McClees

### 10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist  
 Pam Doerter

Head Usher  
 Mel Ellsperman

Greeters  
 Marilyn Ellsperman,  
 Jayne & Pat Manis

Ushers  
 The Fritz Family

Acolyte  
 Addison Fritz



## Big Thank You!

### A THANK YOU RECEPTION

In appreciation for Trey Fulkerson's exceptional preaching and his willing service during this pastoral transition time, there will be a gathering in the Gallery after the 10:30 service on Sunday, August 25.

Please join us in thanking Trey.

## Our Prayer Ministry

Our Prayer Ministry is an integral part of our church family. We have many "prayer warriors" on our prayer chain who specifically pray for individuals or families going through difficult circumstances. As you know, this list is published in our Newsletter and Bulletin each week to give you, the congregation, the opportunity to pray for those as well.

Please feel free to call the church with a prayer concern, email Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com), David Matzen at [davidallyn39@gmail.com](mailto:davidallyn39@gmail.com) or simply use the card provided in the pew pad on Sunday and put in the offering plate. Please, if at all possible, state the reason for the prayer and the date in which prayer was asked. The Prayer Wall located in Fellowship Hall will no longer be used for prayer requests. Instead, this space will be shared with others to promote events happening at Eastminster. Remember, the strength of our ministry is in praying for one another through our love and faith. As Paul wrote: Philippians 4:6, Do not be anxious about anything but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving; present your requests to God.

## Movie Club

The Small Group Committee is working on a new idea -- to have a movie club! Much like a book club we will pick one time per month to go to a movie and have a discussion afterward.

Tuesday, September 3, is tentatively our next movie night date. We are targeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month as tickets are only \$5.00 on Tuesdays. We will plan to attend the showing nearest 7 p.m.. There are a few movies to choose from, Toy Story 4, The Art of Racing in the Rain, A Dog's Journey, and Lion King. The committee's first choice is The Art of Racing in the Rain with their second choice Toy Story 4. We will see which are still showing on September 3.



## Prayer Concerns

**Please pray for the following:** Sue Shelton; Melba Hutchinson; Bryan Figg; Dave & Bobbi Moran; David & Fay Kishline; Chris & John Matzen; Mary Lou Matzen; Dave Moran's brother-in-law, Gary; Jenny Murphy's father - Jerry Nagle; Pattii Rusche; Virginia Rahn; Lillian Tierney; Jenny Murphy's brother - John; John Chaddock; Barb Ferguson; Barbara; Julie Summit; Amelia Webb; Pam Attebury; Ron Harper; Katy Evans; Ira Mowrey.

If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or Dave Matzen at [davidallyn39@gmail.com](mailto:davidallyn39@gmail.com)

## EPW News

Our EPW Sept 4th Gathering will be focused on "The Community I See", presented by Gina Gibson. Gina is executive director and CEO of Evansville Christian Life Center and is recipient of The Jeanie Brubeck Woman of Empowerment 2019 Civic Leadership Award. Our Gathering starts at noon with a Soup and Salad Pitch-In.

All women of the church are invited and are encouraged to bring a friend. I look forward to seeing everyone! Beth Bailey, Moderator



Back to School so Back to Saving those Box Tops. EPW will continued to collect Box Tops for Caze Elementary. The Box Top Canister is located in the Narthex with a list of all products - usually General Mills. Contributing to The Box Top Program it is a great way to give back to your community.

# Christian Education



## Hallway Pictures

Greetings Eastminster Families!

I want to get an early start on Hallway Pictures this year. I am going to make trading cards for the children and youth this year, but I need your help. I would love it if you would email me one digital picture each of your child(ren) this year instead of me taking pictures at church. Selfie-type pictures are ok, too.

You capture pictures of your children and grandchildren all the time and your pictures are full of their personalities. You get pictures of their silly, playful and serious sides. Would you scan through the pictures on your phone and email me one? Just make it a picture of your child or grandchild that you love because it will be on the wall all year! I would really appreciate it!

[erin@epcavv.com](mailto:erin@epcavv.com)

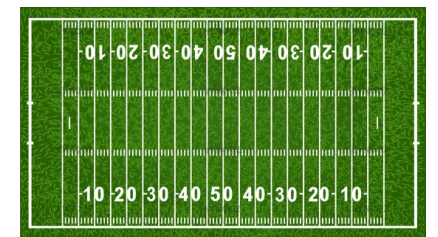
If I could get pictures by 9/1/19 or earlier, that would be great!!!



Thanks so much,  
Erin



**Please join us in the Sanctuary September 8, 2019 at 9 a.m. for a short program to Kick Off our Fall Sunday School year. This program is for ALL ages. We will dismiss from the sanctuary to go to our Sunday School rooms and have special treats to get our Sunday School classes started well. Hope to see you there!!**



Interested in volunteering for Children's Worship? This is a great opportunity to get to know the youngest members in our congregation and help the little ones understand how a church family works. Children's Worship starts after the Children's Sermon and lasts for about 20 or so minutes. Children in Preschool through 2nd grade meet in room 103 for a short lesson, songs, games, etc. Let me know if you can help!

Thanks! Erin

## Summer Sunday School and Children's Worship Schedule

Date	Children's Sunday School	Youth Sunday School	Adult Sunday School	Children's Worship
8/25/19	Barb Kuykendall	Trey Fulkerson	Jim VanCleave	Mary Fulkerson
9/1/19	Barb Kuykendall	Trey Fulkerson	Jim VanCleave	Annie Engelbrecht