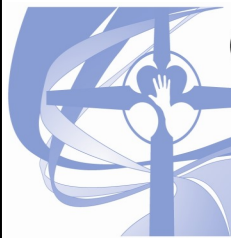


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Standing Strong

There are many things to be concerned about in this world. From natural disasters, to economic turn downs, political scandals, and conflicts around the world we can become overwhelmed with fear. We are not guaranteed an easy life. We are promised that God will walk with us through any personal trial and guide us during the worst of world disasters. God is in control and can bring good out of any tragedy. We are encouraged to stand strong and hold fast to the promises of God given through the voices and lives of the faithful. That hope can bring us into a new life of faith and courage. Read Haggai 1:15b- 2:9 & 2Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17 this week as we look at Standing Strong.

Blessings,
Pastor Scott

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

Please join us for one worship service at 10:30 this Sunday where we will all be united as one in a special stewardship program. See right column paragraph. You won't want to miss it!



UPDATE ON "RO"

As many of you are aware Roland "Ro" Small had a stroke a few weeks ago. He has since had several more small strokes which have made him weaker and non-responsive. He has now been moved to hospice at St. Vincent Hospital. Visitors are most welcome and more information on Ro and his condition can be obtained by contacting Rob Engelbrecht at 812-618-7781. Please continue to send Ro your prayers and encouragement.



Christian Stewardship

Together as One Church Family...

To date, Worship Services during our "Fruit of the Spirit Stewardship 2020" campaign have focused on these "fruits" of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness, Kindness, Faithfulness and Self-Control (Galatians 5:22) -- and how they nourish both us and our giving in all its forms. This Sunday, our last stewardship-themed Service before Commitment Sunday on November 17, we will talk more specifically about our own dear Eastminster Presbyterian Church. So that we may join together as one unified church family for this significant event, we are combining both services to into one 10:30am Worship Service.

During the Service, *Stacie Schalasky* from "Budget & Finance" will give a **candid financial talk** about our current position; *Dan Irmscher* from "Stewardship" will highlight his research on **improving our growth trend**; and *Mark Nicholson* from "Stewardship" will mention some **alternative ways to give**; and Members of our choir will perform a specially selected **popular song** (you will almost certainly recognize it) that you would not expect to hear during Worship Service. We hope to see you there for this important *final Stewardship Campaign Service* before Commitment Sunday!



We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 17th, immediately after worship to approve the 2020 Slate of Officers. Please plan on attending.



Sympathy is extended to the family & friends of Lettie Lee Stallings who passed away on October 23, 2019.

Sunday, November 10, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

No 8:00 service this week

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Shannon Irmscher

Head Usher
Mel Ellsperman

Greeters
Corey Fritz,
Marilyn Ellsperman,
Jayne & Pat Manis

Ushers
Jo Chaddock & Pam Doerter

Acolyte
Jacob Irmscher

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

Church Office Hours

M - F: 8:30 - 4:00 P.M.

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All members and friends are encouraged to attend the CAJE Community Problems Assembly at 6:30 on November 11, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 918 Mill Road. We will hear the results of the House Meetings like the ones held here at Eastminster, and a vote will be taken to select one new issue for this year.

As a congregation that is only "exploring" we do not vote, but it's important that we see the process in action during our year of exploration.

Ron Sproatt has offered to drive the church bus. Barb Kuykendall can take 3-5 more people in her SUV. Call the church to reserve your seat. If you want to ride or carpool, please plan to be at the church by 5:30.



Ferdinand Christmasmart

Small Groups will be taking the church bus to Ferdinand, IN, on Saturday, November 16, to attend their Christmasmart. We will leave EPC at 8:15 a.m. Please sign up with the church office and designate if you will be riding the bus.



Poinsettia orders are now being taken. The cost is \$13 each. The deadline to order a poinsettia is Friday, December 6th. Payment must accompany your order!

Yes, I would like _____ poinsettia(s)

In memory/honor of: _____

I will pick up my poinsettia(s) _____yes _____no

Donor's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Display Your Voice!

The "**Eastminster Fruit of the Spirit Stewardship 2020**" banner (on display in Fellowship Hall -- in the corner by the kitchen), **includes paint pens and lots of white space...to give you an opportunity to communicate, visually, your feelings about:**

EPC's impact on your life?
or
Something you would like to see in EPC's future?

Please **paint your picture (or words)** on the banner during the next couple weeks.

We want to see from everyone!

Teaser...

Be watching for an article from Mike Lee! Christian Education and Small Groups are joining together with Mike Lee in offering a Dave Ramsey class in 2020. Mike will be following up with an article about specifics, who, what, when, where, how, and why! Be watching.....!



As we approach the 2019 year-end, please remember to keep your Capital Campaign & Annual Pledge current. If you have questions regarding your commitments, contact the church office.

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the following:

Melba Hutchinson; Dave & Bobbi Moran; 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; Barb Ferguson; Barbara; Julie Summit; Amelia Webb; Pam Attebury; Ron Harper; Katy Ellis; Ira Mowrey; Virgie Foley; Nick Prout; Linda; Tracy; Margaret Martin; Dr. Andrew Riggs, Scott & Tammy Solether, Jack Bethel, Roland Small, Dorris Ann Tucker, Linda C.

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

Christian Education



Children's Worship Leader Schedule

We had to make some changes to the Children's Worship Leader schedule. See the new schedule below. Thanks!

11/3/19—Annie Engelbrecht
11/10/19—Gordon Wiley
11/17/19—Barb Kuykendall
11/24/19—Jocelyn Kuhs & adult helper
12/1/19—Barb Kuykendall
12/8/19—Erin Tipton
12/15/19—Maddie Holden & Alex Kuhs & adult
12/22/19—Annie Engelbrecht
12/29/19—Annie Engelbrecht

Forgive my haste, but January will be here before we know it and we need to get the Children's Worship Leader Schedule started. If you would be willing to teach some adorable children during the 10:30 a.m. service, we would appreciate it! We are going to try something new this time. It is an online tool called Sign Up Genius. Many schools use it for signing up for party donations and other activities where volunteers are needed. Use the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bacaf2da02-childrens> If this does not appeal to you, no worries. You can still sign up without using Sign Up Genius. Simply tear off the following form and drop it in the offering plate or Erin's mailbox and we will get you signed up for a date.

Children's Worship Leader

Name _____

Circle the dates you are available to teach. Thanks so much!

1/5/20	2/23/20	4/12/20	5/31/20
1/12/20	3/1/20	4/19/20	
1/19/20	3/8/20	4/26/20	
1/26/20	3/15/20	5/3/20	
2/2/20	3/22/20	5/10/20	
2/9/20	3/29/20	5/17/20	
2/16/20	4/5/20	5/24/20	

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FALL

11-13-19 Assembly Night—CE meeting @ 6:30pm
Dinner is at 6pm.

11-24-19 Canned Food Drive and Thanksgiving Processional (Youth and Children)

12-8-19 Annual Advent Luncheon
Soups, Sandwiches after the 10:30 am worship service



SIGN UP GENIUS LINK TO SIGN UP FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4bacaf2da02-childrens>

Or Erin can email it to you. It is posted on our Eastminster Facebook page as well and you can click the link there to sign up.



Thanksgiving Processional

On Sunday, November 24, 2019 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 in 2016 and we ask that the children bring one canned good with a 2019 or later 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 Patti Garcia and Erin Tipton at 10:15 a.m. in the gallery to prepare for the processional.



ADVENT LUNCHEON SOUP SIGN UP

Name _____

Soup _____