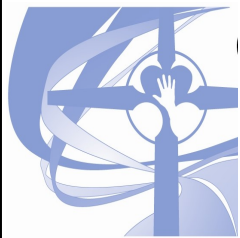


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# Eastminster Messenger

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## Newsletter Notes

Ah...it's nice to  
be back!!!



This is our first newsletter since the beginning of the COVID-19 shutdown that happened at the end of March. We hope you will enjoy reading the articles submitted for this edition.

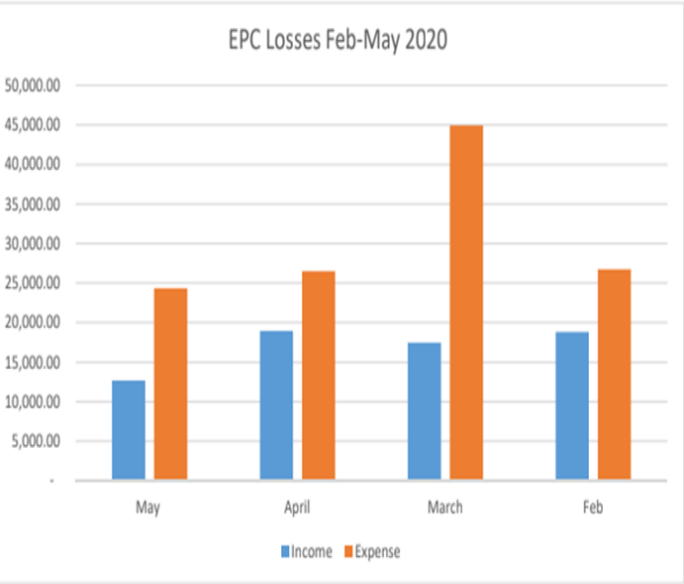
We are planning on publishing a newsletter as often as we can. Now, this may mean several weeks before you receive another issue, because we may not have enough news to announce since our programs, Sunday School, get togethers, etc. have been cancelled.

You can always get updates on what is happening at the church by visiting our Facebook page or asking to receive our online newsletter. However, we hope you were just as happy to receive this in your mail as we were putting it together!!

If you have an article you would like in the newsletter, please remember to have it turned into the Office by 9:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to your event. For example, if you would like your article to be included in the Newsletter for Tuesday, July 7, your article would need to be turned into the office either before or no later than Monday, July 6, before 9 a.m.

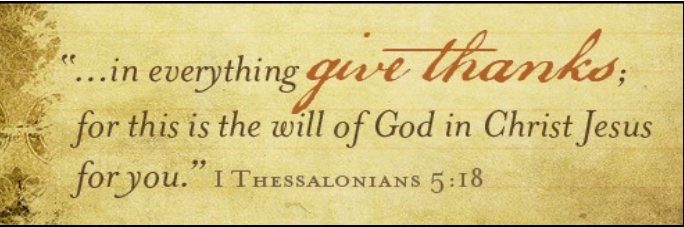
**Remember we always NEED your articles!!**

The Finance committee is asking for your help! During these times in the pandemic our pledges have been lower and our expenses are still incredibly high. If you are behind on your pledges, please try to catch up, if possible. If you can no longer make your pledge, please reach out to the church office to update the amount you will be able to give for the rest of 2020. This will help guide the finance committee in preparing for our church's future. We understand that these are unprecedented times for us all, and pray that God can help lead us through this. If you are still participating from home, due to the pandemic, please remember that there is NOW the option to contribute online – no in person payment needed.



**BE ON THE LOOK OUT – STATEMENTS SHOULD BE ARRIVING AT YOUR HOMES WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO HAVE IT RESENT TO YOU.**

In His Service,  
Finance Committee



## Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Handyman  
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Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assist.  
Alanna Keenan - Director of Music  
Anslee LaChance - Nursery Worker  
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## From the Pulpit

This Sunday, July 5th, we will have Rev. Wendy McCormick as our guest preacher. Wendy is the director of the Southwest Center for Congregations in Evansville. She is a minister in the Presbyterian Church USA, serving nine years as a pastor in Ohio before serving as a pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville for 11 years.

June 23, 2020

Dear Eastminster Family,

On April 22 of this year, your session approved our Mission Study report. The committee that created this report took input from the congregation and created a comprehensive document outlining the direction Eastminster wants to go in the future. This document was then passed on to the Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) along with our request to form a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). On June 2, the COM response to this request was to postpone taking action. They acknowledged the insightfulness of the mission study but felt that the fastest way for EPC to acquire a pastoral leader was through another transitional or "gap" pastor. The COM believes that trained, ordained leadership is crucial during this transition time and the search for an installed pastor could take a year or more. Since much of the work to find a transitional pastor was done just last year, this route would be most effective.

On June 17, the session called a meeting to discuss this response from the COM. Many concerns were raised by many members of session regarding yet another delay in our ability to form a PNC, the first step in finding our next installed pastor. In the end we voted to elect a new transitional pastor search committee composed of five members of session, plus one alternate: Pam Doerter, Annie Engelbrecht, Shannon Irmscher, Chris Kuhs, Mark Miller, and Patsy Sproatt as alternate. This committee has already met to update Eastminster's Ministry Information Form (MIF), which will be available to potential interim pastoral candidates. This search should take considerably less time than last year's because much of the work has already been done.

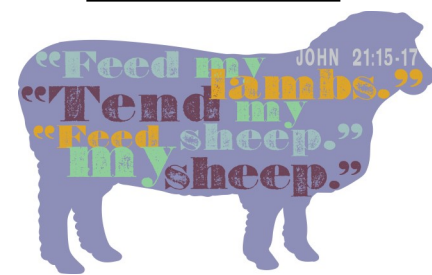
We also want you to know that this committee is very motivated to expedite this search process as much as we can. Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Once this new transitional pastor is in place, a PNC will be formed soon after.

We know this news may come as a disappointment to many of you, as it did to many of us, but the reason we are *all* still here is for each other. The congregation of Eastminster Presbyterian Church is a group of loving, supportive, encouraging, caring, and compassionate followers of Christ.

We will get through this, and we will find the pastor God has in mind for us. Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Clerk of Session, Shannon Irmscher, [sirmscher105@gmail.com](mailto:sirmscher105@gmail.com) or (812) 483-0002. You may also reach out to session and search committee member Chris Kuhs, [c.kuhs@yahoo.com](mailto:c.kuhs@yahoo.com) or (812) 598-4757.

In Christ,  
The EPC Session



A big **THANK YOU** to Gary & Peggy Pennington for installing our new flagpole and flags.



Dear Eastminster Family,

We know that you have been very discouraged lately with our online worship service. We are trying very hard to make the service work with the limited equipment that we have. We also do not have a dedicated person who would be willing and able to run the equipment.



As it has to be done now, the process is very long and tedious. We aren't equipped to do a virtual live stream so, we have to record the service, download it in a software program and then upload it to Facebook. This takes several hours and doesn't always work.

Your patience thus far has been very appreciated and we will continue to work diligently to improve our online presence. If you would be willing to help with the online worship service or know of someone who would, please let the church office know.

Thank you,  
EPC



**YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!!!!**  
**Be watching for exciting news!**

### Prayer Concerns

***Please pray for the following:***

Beth Bailey; Tracey Manis; Pam Attebury; Dave & Bobbie Moran; Christine & John Matzen; Mary Lou Matzen; Dave Moran's brother-in-law: Gary; Jenny Murphy's father: Jerry Nagle; Pattii Rusche; Virginia Rahn; Jenny Murphy's brother: John, Maria Keller, Leslie Webb, Kylie, Dorris Ann, Jane Ball, Walt Lowe; Ruth Kuhn; Al Grabhorn.

*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) or call the church office.*



7/1 Gordon Wiley

7/3 Addison Fritz

Norm Fulkerson

Chloe Webb

7/8 Lilly Ferguson

7/10 Daniel Goodloe

7/11 Sara Ferguson

7/13 Colin Crecelius

7/15 Barbara Moran

7/16 Tid Turner

7/19 Stacie Krieger

7/21 David Davenport

Carol Palmer

7/23 Chris Kuhs

7/26 Don Hodge

7/29 Paula Viner

7/31 Mark Nicholson

### *Happy Anniversary*

7/1 Scott & Becky Nichols

7/15 Dan & Erin Tipton

7/17 Ron & Karla Harper

7/20 Allen & Nancy Sanderson

7/22 Jeff & Sabrina Holden