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Dear Eastminster Family,

The transitional pastor search committee wanted to update you with our latest information. Unfortunately, we have had a setback. On August 31, we offered the position to one of our finalists. After a week of discernment, the chosen candidate made what they called a difficult decision to go with another congregation. The same day we made this offer, our other finalist withdrew their name from consideration.

It is important to remember that just as we are looking at multiple candidates, they are looking at multiple churches to serve. This committee continues to be driven to move as quickly as we can, and we already have another promising candidate.

We continue to pray, as I am sure all of you do as well, that God will make clear His choice for a new leader for this wonderful congregation.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Shannon Irmscher (sirmscher105@gmail.com; 812-483-0002) committee chair.

In Christ,
Your TPSC Committee



Caze School report from Samantha Potts, School Social Worker, who is our contact there:

“Good morning,
What a year! I'm thankful to be back at my second home, but things sure are different. We are unable to have any visitors in our buildings at this time, and this includes family engagement/community partner events. I will certainly keep you posted on new developments, and if we are able to resume things as normal. In the meantime, I'll probably send information through email.

August 2020

* We had a very successful virtual school supply drive! Teachers and students had all the materials needed to start the year. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT :)**

* Our Master Gardeners have been able to maintain our courtyard and front landscaping (after hours, with no child/staff contact). **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION! “**

EPC has had a representative at the monthly Family Engagement/Community Partner meetings for several years now and we are pleased to see that the “virtual” school supply drive was successful. Special Thanks to those of our congregation who contributed.



Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Handyman
Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager
Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assist.
Alanna Keenan - Director of Music
Ansee LaChance - Nursery Worker
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Youth Group continues to meet each Sunday at 6:30 p.m. where we will have a lesson and some time for socializing while social distancing!

Hope to see you in The Place,
Trey

Give thanks
TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD,
HIS LOVE endures forever
PSALM 136:1

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for the following:
Ginny Schroeder, Beth Bailey; Leslie & Amelia Webb; Pam Attebury; Dave & Bobbie Moran; Christine & John Matzen; Dave Moran's brother-in-law: Gary; Jenny Murphy's father: Jerry Nagle; Pattii Rusche; Virginia Rahn; Jenny Murphy's brother: John; Walt Lowe; Doris Ann, Rose Kuhn; Julie Summit

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

A Big THANK YOU!
A big thank you to Dave Matzen who, with a joyful and compassionate heart, has worked tirelessly with the Prayer Chain. Dave is stepping down as one of our Prayer Captains. If you would like to become part of the prayer chain, just contact Leslie Webb or the church office to find out more information.

From Worship & Music Committee & Participant - Nancy Sanderson



Remember the Maundy Thursday Worship Service followed by the PRAYER VIGIL organized by our dear Barb Ferguson? **WE DO!**

Easter has passed. Since then many new circumstances permeate our lives, therefore, we firmly believe and know the only answer is PRAYER.

So, based on Barb's outline (with a few alterations), the Eastminster Sanctuary is open for in-person prayer time every Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 P.M. beginning September 8th.

Please!!!! As each member joins in prayer whether in the Sanctuary or at home as Prayer Partners we are following His command to "BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD."

GUIDELINES:

1. Contact the church office to select your time to pray (if praying from home, please call as well so that we know you are participating). 812-476-3355.
2. Confirm your *in person* arrival time with the office.
3. Bring your own Bible and any readings, etc.
4. Enter and leave through the "office area door" using the west-side parking lot.
5. Occupy the open benches only.
6. Be assured that Marian & Mike are dedicated to only A+ safety and healthy protocols for Eastminster.

P.S....Guaranteed: You will feel and hear the positive vibrations created by the UNIFYING PRAYER EACH TUESDAY! Together we will be participants in the Body of Christ.



Halloween Movie Nights!

Friday, October 9th @ 7:30-9:00PM
Halloweentown

Friday, October 30th @ 7:30-9:00 PM
Halloweentown II

The Children's Fellowship Committee is hosting two FREE Halloween themed movie nights next month! Children and adults of all ages are welcome.

For the safety of our church family, friends, and guests, we have added some new protocol. Weather and technology permitting, we will be showing these movies on our outdoor screen. We ask that all adults and children bring face masks to wear should they need to enter the building to use the restrooms.

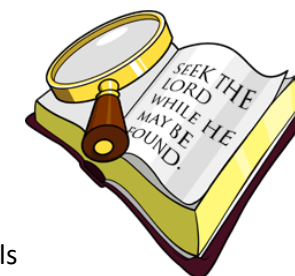
Please bring your own blankets, camping chairs, etc. to spread out on the lawn. If we move indoors, chairs will be provided, and masks will need to be worn when you get up from your seats or are not socially distanced.



Everyone is more than welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks, and we will provide bottled water and pre-packaged items. If you would like to donate drinks or snacks, please contact Annie Engelbrecht. We would greatly appreciate it!

I completely understand that these new adjustments might seem excessive, but I am willing to do whatever it takes for everyone to feel comfortable and safe. I want to provide a stress-free environment, so I ask that all who attend be courteous to others. This has been such an incredibly difficult time for everyone, especially our

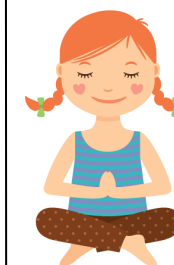
Young Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship



Hello, church family!

After months of planning and discussion with the girls in our youth group, I am so excited to finally be starting a monthly girls bible study! With so many pre-teen and teenage girls in our church community, my goal is to create a safe space for them to connect with each other and grow in faith.

For our first event, we will be doing some relaxation yoga and talking about stress management. We will be meeting in the Place on Saturday, October 3rd from 1:00-3:00pm, and will be spread out on the floor. Girls can bring a yoga mat if they have one, but it is not required. We will not be doing any difficult poses, just relaxing stretches that follow a Christian yoga curriculum! Each girl will receive a guide so that they can take notes or watch additional videos at home if they choose.



Please contact me at (812)-499-9887 to RSVP, so that I can prepare the room and materials. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Love to you all,
Annie



2020 Financial Snapshot

