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I could walk from my home to the office of the last church I served in Indiana. I remember one fall season when I would approach the building and hear a metallic rat-a-tat-tat that would repeat. I came to observe that the sound came from a woodpecker high up on the steeple, banging its head against the surface, which happened to be metal.

The prospect was amusing to me, because I don't think its beak was actually able to penetrate the metal covering the steeple to get the grub, or bug, or whatever goodness was inside. This phenomenon repeated a few times, so I wondered why the bird chose to work so hard on this. One time out of pity and frustration, I yelled up at the woodpecker "Hey bird! there are probably plenty of bugs you can eat in those trees over there." It had no effect. It kept pounding away hoping to get at what was inside the steeple.

This is a time for Eastminster to work at getting inside. I don't mean inside the steeple or any other part of the building, but inside the soul of who we are. It is a time be in touch with our identity as a church, to consider where God wants us to be, and how we will make plans to get there. You have done a large piece of this Interim work already, but more needs to be done. I hope it will not feel like banging our heads against a metal surface, or that the goals seem so elusive, but we need to persist either way. There is something good inside, and it is worth getting after. May God guide us forward.

Thank You

I want to thank Everyone for a wonderful welcome these past two Sundays. The dessert reception this week was particularly special. It was a great opportunity to meet and continue getting acquainted with some of you. Special thanks to Annie Engelbrecht, Stacie Schalasky and Sherie Hambidge for organizing and setting up the event. To those who stay home for health reasons, I look forward to continue meeting you via phone conversations and any other non-contact opportunities we can arrange. — J.T.



"Don't Let Fear Keep You"

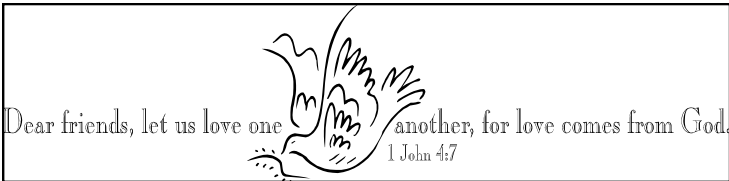
*"For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of POWER, and of LOVE, and of a SOUND MIND"
2 Timothy 1:7*

— these times are scary and uncertain, but don't let that stop your faith.

Join us this Sunday for a Stewardship Minute for Mission given by Dick Yeager.

**Mark your Calendar Now,
Commitment Sunday will be Sunday, November 22, 2020.**

In His Service,
Stacie Schalasky
Finance & Stewardship Chair



PRAYER CONCERNS

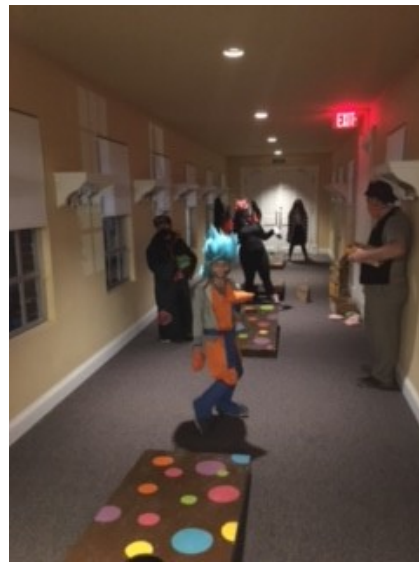


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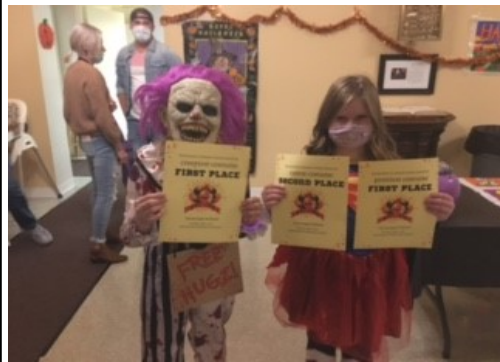
Beth Bailey; Leslie & Amelia Webb; Pam Attebury; Dave & Bobbie Moran; Christine & John Matzen; Dave Moran's brother-in-law: Gary; Jenny Murphy's father: Jerry Nagle; Pattii Rusche; Jenny Murphy's brother: John; Walt Lowe; Maria Keller; Kylie; Doris Ann, Rose Kuhn; Julie Summit; Annie Gregg; Sue Shelton; Doris Grabhorn; Mike Crecelius; Marty Sheatler; Eli Haddix.

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 spooky night was had at our halloween movie night and carnival



Thank you to everyone who donated candy, cash or gave of your time to help pull this wonderful event off. A special thank you to all the kids who participated!



Lots of frightful fun



BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Kyhlenn Gee

11/4 Addison Kuhs

11/6 Rob Engelbrecht
Luke Nicholson

11/7 Cole Irmscher
Harold Post
Evan Tipton

11/13 Nancy Sanderson

11/15 Brad Mogavero

11/17 Allen Sanderson

11/24 Gary Van Zandt

11/27 Melissa Mattingly

11/28 LaVonda Abbott
Tim Fielder

11/30 Hayden Whitledge

ANNIVERSARIES

11/5 Greg & Marcia Nauert

11/9 Mel & Marilyn Ellsperman

11/10 Jason & Leslie Webb

11/11 Bob & Susan Parsons

Please contact the church to make sure we have your birthday and anniversary correct or in our system. We also will be updating our directory soon so if you have moved or changed your phone number, please let us know by calling 812-476-3355. Thank you!



Hi Eastminster Family!

As we quickly approach the busy holiday season here, the deacons are working to make sure Christmas baskets happen this year. If you or your class would like to sponsor a family, please contact your deacon and we can get you the information you need. The need is great this year, and every little bit helps.

We need to begin gathering our groceries and personal items for the baskets we do as a church. You can drop off any donations at the church. Deacons are also happy to do the shopping for you, if you don't wish to be out and about. (Please note "deacons baskets" in the memo line of any monetary donation, if you choose to go that route.) The Angel Tree will be up as soon as possible, for those who would like to adopt an angel. If you will not be in the building, but would still like an angel, please contact Sabrina Holden and she will get you a child's information.

Please be in prayer for these families, and for all of those struggling to find the holiday spirit.

Together, we stand in His blessing, Peace, Love, and Joy, at Christmas and always. Now let us be His hands and feet.

Your Deacons

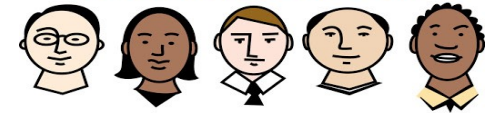


YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group continues to meet each Sunday at 6:30 p.m. We will have a lesson and some time for socializing while social distancing!

I Hope to see you in The Place,
Trey

Board of Deacons



Your Board of Deacons have been working on ways to help families during this uncertain time. We have started a private congregation page on Facebook to allow everyone to socialize from a distance, please look for it and ask to join. We also realize the pain of losing a member of our church family is just as great as before the pandemic hit. We would like to continue to provide a Compassion Dinner to our church family when needed but realize that it will look a bit different now than it has in the past. If your family is in need of a Compassion Dinner, please contact the church office, your Deacon, or by email at eastminster.deacons@yahoo.com. We will be able to provide your family with a meal at the funeral home instead of at the church. While this is not ideal, it is the only available option at the moment due to social distancing guidelines. We pray that this will bring a small comfort to a grieving family until we can be together once again.

If you are needing to reach your deacon, you can send an email to the Board along with any information you would like to provide. Your deacon will then be notified and will get in touch with you. Please send email to: Eastminster.deacons@yahoo.com



There are many ways to support EPC but one of the newer ways is to access the online giving tab located on our website. This is a quick and convenient way of donating, especially during our current Covid-19 crisis. Recently a donation was given in honor of our own Barb Kuykendall for her dedication and unselfish giving of time to our church family. Way to go Barb! Again, if you are interested in giving this way go to: www.eastminsterchurch.com and click on the "online giving" tab.