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This coming Sunday is known as Christ the King. You may recall several stories from the Bible naming hope in a coming king, such as Mary hearing that she would have a child who would one day rule. Another story that may come to mind is Pilate asking Jesus “are you king of the Jews?” There are other stories as well.

The story we will look into in worship comes from Matthew 25:31-46, if you would like to take an early look at it. It is often called “the parable of the sheep and the goats,” and is unique to Matthew’s gospel. Some questions I am considering include:

- What does it mean to live like Jesus is our king?
- As a member of Jesus community or court, what might your title be?
- Is King really a good word to describe Jesus?
- What other words might you use to describe Jesus?

Perhaps upon your reading of the story you will develop other questions. One clear message of this story is that God cares for “the least of these.” Further, we are asked to care for others. It is part of Eastminster’s recognition that in this world our heads, hearts, and hands act on Christ’s behalf. We are part of Christ’s body together, and together we make a better impact for the one who rules us.

Blessings,
JT



“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.

This Sunday, November 22, is Commitment Sunday. Please join us for the Dedication of the Pledges in worship or mail your card to the church office.

In His Service,
Stacie Schalasky
Finance & Stewardship Chair

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
1 John 4:7

PRAYER CONCERNS



Please pray for the following:
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 Rutsche; 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.



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November 12, 2020

To the Congregation of Eastminster Presbyterian Church,

Amidst the uncertainty 2020 has brought us, it is important to remember God and what He has in store for us. As 2 Timothy 1:7 states, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of POWER, of LOVE, and of a SOUND MIND," Yes, each of us has felt fear within this past year, but don't let it keep you from participating in the life of the church, at whatever capacity you feel comfortable. We are called to act with POWER< LOVE and SOUND MIND, our congregational life and commitment go far beyond Sunday morning and include so much more than what happens at 5501 Washington Ave., for God has blessed each one of us to be called to be part of this Body of Christ.

I want to thank each one of you who support Eastminster with a financial gift. More than 85% of our annual operating revenue comes from those who pledge and give regularly. Every contribution we receive serves to sustain the breadth, health, and future of this ministry. November is the time when we express as a congregation our gratitude for all God is doing in our midst and prayerfully discern our commitment looking ahead to 2021. On November 22, please be a part of our celebration and reflection with a blessing of the pledges for 2021.

We strive to answer God's call to be the Body of Christ for one another so together we can be the Body of Christ in the world. Please consider submitting your pledge on commitment Sunday and participating in the Dedication of the of the Pledges.

In His Service,

Stacie Schalasky

Finance and Stewardship Co-chair



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

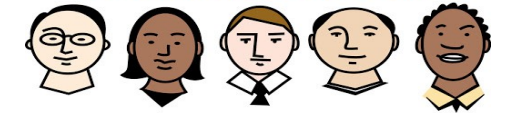


YOUTH GROUP

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 in 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. If you are interested in giving this way go to: www.eastminsterchurch.com and click on the "online giving" tab.