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I loved watching television Christmas specials as a kid, I re-lived them with my own children, and still enjoy tuning in to some of them. ("It's Christmastime Charlie Brown" remains my all-time favorite).

While not a Christmas television program, we will have a special video for our Christmas Eve service this year. It won't be like a TV show, and it won't be like a 'regular' Christmas Eve service. Many are praying and hoping it will be special nonetheless. The service will feature music from our talented music staff and volunteers, readings from various people in the congregation, the Lord's Supper, and candle light. You will need to provide necessities for the last two.

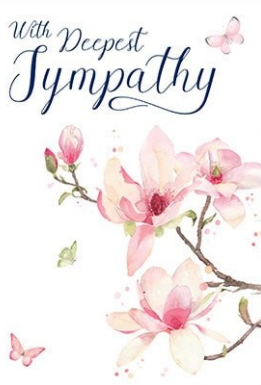
Please watch the service with some sort of bread you like, and a cup to drink from. Also, have a candle on hand and a way to light it before Silent Night, the final hymn.

Consider meditating on the flame of your candle, and think about what you mean to this congregation as a whole. As we begin the Christmas Season, again we will be together in our apartness. Again, God will be with us.

Blessings,
JT



If you have an emergency or are in need of JT, please call him at the church or on his cell phone at 859-699-8966.



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Victoria Humphrey who passed away on December 5, 2020.

Sympathy is extended to Ron & Karla Harper in the death of Ron's mother, Margaret Tooley, who passed away on December 3, 2020.

MERRY Christmas

The entire Eastminster staff would like to extend Happy Holiday wishes to you and your family as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

JT, Mary, Trey, Alanna, Rachel Marian, Mike & Anslee

The First Christmas

*It never snows at Christmas in that dry and dusty land.
Instead of freezing blizzards,
there are palms and drifting sands,
and years ago a stable and a most unusual star
and three wise men who followed it,
by camel, not by car,
while, sleepy on the quiet hills, a shepherd gave a cry.
He'd seen a crowd of angels in the silent starlit sky.
In the stable, ox and ass stood very still and calm
and gazed upon the baby,
safe and snug in Mary's arms.
And Joseph, lost in shadows,
face lit by an oil lamp's glow*

*stood wondering, that
first Christmas Day,
two thousand years ago*

by Marian Swinger



Important Men's Breakfast News

Due to the terrible increase in Covid infections in our area, we have decided to not meet in December for the Men's breakfast. Another spike in infections is anticipated due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and this could further threaten our ability to safely meet. Please stay safe and limit contacts with others as we await the arrival of a vaccine that could be widely distributed and injected over the next few months. We will evaluate the situation in late December to see if we can resume in January or postpone further.



1/1 Carolyn Tying	1/15 Ralph Frasier
1/2 Patti Garcia	1/16 Sherie Hambidge
Jane Williams	1/17 Sabrina Holden
1/5 Jacob Webb	1/19 Carol Oglesby
1/6 Jim Shelton	1/21 Owen Bethel
1/8 Virginia Redden	1/24 Barb Kuykendall
1/10 Brian Bailey	1/27 Ava Kuhs
1/13 Jocelyn Kuhs	1/28 Tyler Kuhs
Suzanne Lokey	



REMINDER: Please turn in your pledges before the end of the year!

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all of the giving units that have submitted their pledge cards. If you have not yet submitted, please do so before the end of the month. This is imperative for good planning for our 2021 future - don't let the fear of the unknown keep you from submitting.

Thanks be to God for giving us such a wonderful church home!
Stacie Schalasky
Co-chair Finance and Stewardship Chair"

We need your... E-mail!

We will be updating our email address data base starting in January and would like to include yours. Even if you have already submitted your email in the past, we would like to double check it in our system to make sure it is correct. Please take a moment to fill out the form below and return it to the church office by dropping it in the offering plate, mailing it, or contacting the church by phone. We certainly appreciate your help.

Name: _____

Email: _____

This is a family email address?: ____yes____no

Email Address of other family members' if applicable

Name: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

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Name: _____

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for the following:

Beth Bailey; Leslie & Amelia Webb; Pam Attebury; Dave & Bobbie Moran; 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; the Jarrell family; Lisa Hill; Morgan & Jacob; Sharon Glover.

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.

The Quilters have a goal to make one donation each year outside the church. This year that donation, of 10 lap quilts, went to The Newburgh Health Care. Both EPC and the Newburgh congregation have had or do have members there and have found the staff to be professional and caring. They were very happy to receive the donation, although we could only hand the



quilts out of the car to the staff member on duty. We asked that they go to anyone in need of extra cheer or warmth this season. The current quilters are Nancy Sander-son, Patsy Sproatt, and Janet Zeiher. Two of the quilts were donated to us by Jeanie Diemer and two were completed by Melba Hutchinson, retired member. Four of the ten were Christmas themed. Our quilting time is on hiatus right now because of both Covid concerns and the Christmas season, but we will return in January and work toward our next donation. Please join us any Tuesday morning from 9:00 to Noon.



**The office will be closed from
December 25 - January 3.
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published on January 12, 2021.**