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# Eastminster Messenger

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There is much that people have been missing while we pray, hope, and wait for vaccine development so that COVID-19 will no longer be such a threat. In our worship life, the celebration of the Lord's Supper is not the least one of those observances. For this coming Christmas Eve, we will be releasing a worship service video for you to participate with at home. Communion will be a part of this service.

What this means is that you will be able to provide the bread of your choice, and the cup of your choice. Certainly this will be different than sharing the Lord's Supper in person. While you will be bringing communion elements to the table, please bear in mind that this sacrament is not about what you bring. Remember that the invitation to the table comes from the Lord, the host of the meal. There is nothing a person could or should 'do' before being invited, Jesus simply invites. The t-shirt version of this theology states "God doesn't call the qualified, but qualifies those who are called."

Remember also that what you do bring to the table is your uniqueness. We are created as a diverse people, with different tastes and interests. Created by one God who brings us together and unites us. It is part of the inspiring message of the Lord's table. While this year will be different for Christmas Eve, the Lord will still be with us in the various places where we will be. May you feel the reality of that presence.

Anyone interested in recording a reading to be used for the Christmas Eve service, please contact the church office. Once the recordings have been made Alanna Keenan, our director of music will edit all the various components together with Christmas hymns and carols and provide the final Christmas eve service.

Blessings,  
JT

*Thank you*

On behalf of the Personnel Committee and the staff of EPC, I would like to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to Steve Fritz. Steve stepped up on the departure of Pastor Scott to act as "Chief of Staff" and continued in that position until the arrival of Pastor J. T. He met regularly with staff, hearing their issues and concerns, assisting them in decision-making, and planning with them for the worship services whether virtual or in-person. He also was required during this time to attend monthly session meetings in order to then keep staff aware of activities and actions affecting the congregation. And all this in the time of the Pandemic. Steve, this is truly an example of Christian Stewardship.

Patsy Sproatt, Moderator



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ed Diamond who passed away on November 16, 2020.

## 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](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or call the church office.

## Our Christmas Basket Program Has Changed!



Per the request of Caze School, we have been asked to do things a bit differently for this year's Christmas Baskets. Instead of Eastminster folks, classes, etc., sponsoring an entire family, we have been asked to sponsor individual students who are in need. The Deacons have 12 individual students left on the tree. **Each student will need 1 solid color polo, pants, a book and a small toy. You may also purchase a grocery gift card to go with your Angel if you wish. If you choose not to purchase a grocery gift card, the Deacons will provide one for you.** Don't worry if all 12 Angels get adopted before you get your chance to adopt one, more names can be obtained from the school. If you have purchased non-perishable food or toiletries to go in the normal Christmas Baskets, the Deacons will collect the items and take them to the Food Pantry. You may drop items off at the church office. Please contact Sabrina Holden at 812-205-9609 or the church for more information. Thank you! **All items have to be wrapped and placed into a large gift bag. All items also have to be at the church by December 10 for delivery to school on the 11th.**

## 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.



### BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Marlene Huffaker  
 12/3 Beth Bailey  
 Doris Bedillion  
 12/5 Meredith Garcia  
 12/8 Grace Crecelius  
 Jenny Kuhs  
 Caroline Mogavero  
 12/9 Jean Patterson  
 Carol Woodward  
 12/12 Mary Lou Leedy  
 12/13 Emma Sue Davenport  
 12/20 Christen Mogavero  
 12/21 Jane Biggs  
 Stacie Schalasky  
 12/22 Pam Lentz  
 Meg Tharp  
 12/23 Janet Zeiher  
 12/28 Ashlyn Eddlemon  
 12/29 Mical Michel  
 12/31 Joe Barker

### ANNIVERSARIES

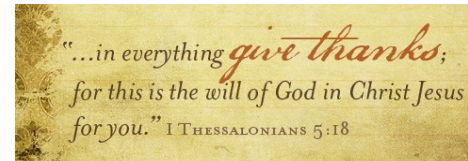
12/10 Ralph & Lannie Frasier  
 12/23 Gary & Peggy Pennington  
 12/24 Dan & Nancy Engelbrecht



If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so by mailing it to the church office or by placing it in the church offering plate on Sunday. If either of those methods won't work for you, you may contact Mary at the church and give her a verbal amount. We thank you for your past support and anticipate your future support. Together we are the church!



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.



### Hey Church Family,

If you have something that you want to appear in the newsletter here are a few things that you need to know.

All information needs to be submitted no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday in order to be included in that week's newsletter.

If possible, please submit via email to BOTH Mary Fulkerson and Tony McClees as they each work on the newsletters at various times.

Mary's email is [epc@epcevv.com](mailto:epc@epcevv.com)

Tony's email is [tmcclees@illinois.edu](mailto:tmcclees@illinois.edu)

If you do not have email, you may provide the info by leaving a note in the red file folder labeled "Newsletter" located on the receptionist's desk in the church office.

A few things to remember about your article:

Be sure to include the "who, what, where, and when" info.

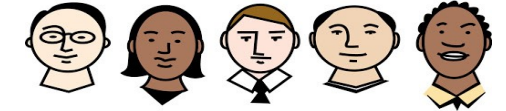
Be sure to include any deadlines and/or costs pertaining to your event.

Mary and Tony try to proofread everything, but are sometimes overloaded with other duties and deadlines and can miss errors. Please do your best to proof your articles before submitting them.

Succinct articles are usually easier to read and understand.

If you need help with an article please ask. Mary, especially, has a wealth of knowledge about all things Eastminster and can offer suggestions based on past events, articles, etc. Thanks for helping us get your information in the newsletter.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.eastminsterchurch.com) and click on the "online giving" tab.