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Let's try something new: a communion prayer service. At the end of this message is a link you can use to log in to Zoom, an online meeting/gathering platform many of you have used and most everyone else has heard of. The service will be Wednesday January 13 at 6:00 pm. We will open with prayer requests, hear the reading of scripture, then conclude with a service of the Lord's Supper. You will need to have some bread, and a cup to drink from.

We will try this in response to many expressions of people saying they miss communion, and see how it goes. If it seems to fill a need for our church family, we will continue the service as long as necessary.

Use the following link to enter the online service:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/5572259962?pwd=R0F2UG1ERVVnWjJPVC9KTU5DRTFFZz09>

Meeting ID: 557 225 9962
Passcode: 4HQXKd

Blessings,
JT



I think we can all look back at our lives and see how much we have changed throughout it. I'm sure that there are periods of your life where you were a completely different person than you are today. At times it can be impossible to recognize who we were and who we have become. Hopefully that's a good thing.

Even in the aftermath of a positive transformation, it can be hard to shake everything about who we have been. That's because we've all done things we aren't proud of. We've all said things that make our skin crawl or have done things that make our stomach hit the floor when we think of them. But why? Forgiveness is a fundamental concept of our Christian lifestyles. We forgive other people. Other people forgive us. God forgives us. Despite the truth in those three sentences, sometimes the hardest person for us to forgive is ourselves. Yet we know that when we are in Christ we are a new creation. So why are we so stubborn in holding onto the shame of a person who, for what it's worth, doesn't even exist anymore?

Our scripture passage this week is 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. As we prepare for worship this week I would encourage you to meditate on the transformative nature of Christ as you consider where you have been and WHO you have become.

Blessings,
Trey

Thank you

I want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and cards expressing hope and providing support for me and my family this fall. It is, I believe, only with your prayers and God's grace that I have, thus far, successfully navigated two difficult diagnoses. I am grateful to be a part of such a caring church family.

Sincerely,
Mike Crecelius

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of June Tate who passed away on December 26, 2020.

Sympathy is extended to Brenda Miller and family in the death of Brenda's mother, Bobbie Virginia (Saunders) Middleton who passed away on Friday, January 8, 2020.



Since last March some of you may be a little out of the loop with our youth activities. I assure you that we are alive and well! You may have even found a few nerf darts as evidence of that. Although it isn't our old routine, the youth have slowly settled into a groove.

In addition to our weekly youth meetings, this month we will be having a Bad Movie Night (the youth directors favorite kind of movie). Pizza will be served at the Bad Movie Night however we have and will follow a strict protocol to ensure the safety of our youth during this fun time of fellowship.

We have also began selecting a "Youth Director for the Night" as a prize for attending particular youth events. That means the youth are in charge for the night! Not only is this a fun way to reward our youth for their service to our church and to our community, but it also gives them a chance to become acquainted with acting as a church leader: a role we are all aspiring for them to fulfill. After all, our youth are not a part of Eastminster to take part -- they're here to take over! This month's Youth Director for the night is Addison Fritz! Stay tuned for what fun activities she brings to our program!

See you in The Place,

Trey

Deacons' Meeting
February 3 at 6:30 p.m.
via Zoom



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting this Sunday, January 17 for the purpose of the election of officers.

DON'T FORGET

Annual Reports are due by all Committee Chairs by Friday, January 29. If you have not done so, please send your report via email to Mary at epc@epcevv.com.



ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Ordination & Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday, January 31st.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

The Stewardship campaign theme selected for 2021 operating year was *"Don't Let Fear Keep you" from 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of POWER, and of LOVE, and of a SOUND MIND" – reminding us that even in these uncertain times, we need to stand with God, and continue to do God's work spreading the Word.*

The Stewardship Campaign resulted in pledges of approximately \$300,000 (including \$30,000 that came from the Ingle Trust) for operation of Eastminster's programs for 2021. Unfortunately, our campaign results are about \$57,000 lower than 2019.

Respectfully,
Stacie Schalasky, Chairperson

Saturday, January 9th!



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

Name: _____

Email: _____

This is a family email address?: ____yes____no

Email Address of other family members' if applicable

Name: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

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; Eli Haddix; the Jarrell family; Lisa Hill; Morgan & Jacob; Sharon Glover; Jen Lanham.

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.