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# Eastminster Messenger

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## RACIAL JUSTICE SABBATH THIS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Sunday February 14 will offer a little different focus for us. The Session has proclaimed that day as a Racial Justice Sabbath. We will be joining with dozens of other area churches offering similar experiences in their own sanctuaries.

What does this mean? It will give us an opportunity to reaffirm that all people are deeply loved by God, regardless of who they are. While this is something we may believe, we don't often intentionally say so in worship. It is important to reclaim our belief that anyone would be welcome to join us for worship, mission, fellowship, or anything that the church does.

This Racial Justice Sabbath movement has largely been promoted by a local grassroots movement called BRIDGE, (Building Respect & Integrity in Diverse Greater Evansville). As a group they are inviting "every faith community to emphasize their faith's teaching on racial equity this weekend in order to motivate and inspire their members to make our region a place where all ethnicities and cultures feel a sense of belonging."

If you would like to learn a bit more about Bridge, here is a link to the organization's facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BRIDGEevv/>

Blessings,  
JT

Dear Church Family,

I would love to and am inviting your child(ren) ( PreK-3rd) to either Sunday School or Children's Church every Sunday. Last Sunday we learned about Samson and how his strength was not in his hair. I hope to see you next week!

Love,  
Mr. Gordon

## Common Sense in Inclement Weather

Why does it always seem to happen on Saturday night – Sunday morning?! It's probably not really that way, but it seems as though winter storms come at the most inconvenient time for regular worship.



Many of us are left asking if we should try to venture out or stay home on Sunday morning. Be assured that we will always be here and our Sunday morning schedule will remain the same. That being said, though, there are many times that a good number of folks should probably err on the side of caution and remain inside.

Remember – on those Sundays when you're not sure if it's wise to try to venture out, you're probably better off staying at home and staying safe! If you can log on and watch the service live.

Also, during the week, the office operates under the EVSC system. If school is cancelled then the office is closed as well.

## 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; Doris Grabhorn; Eli Haddix; Morgan & Jacob; Jen Lanham; Ben; Tyler; Brenda Miller and family; Mike Barnett; Pat Manis; Tid Turner.

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.



Beginning this month the youth group will have office hours. Office hours is a more informal youth event held on a weekday which gives our youth an opportunity to make church more than just a "Sunday" thing.

Not only does office hours give the kids a chance to spend more time in the building, but because of it's flexibility, it provides an opportunity for the youth to take advantage of both the facility and each other.

Office hours can be used as a time to get homework done (which with virtual learning may be more important now than ever), help out in youth group projects, or just hangout after school.

This laid back environment also gives any potential new members a more relaxed environment to explore the EPC youth program. Currently a time and day has not been scheduled to host office hours but the youth are reviewing their schedules and a regular date should be established this Sunday.

See you in The Place,  
Trey

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 21 immediately after worship. Our Annual Reports book will be available this Sunday for your review. Please plan on attending the meeting.



## What is PER CAPITA?

Per Capita is "the tie that binds" - annual giving that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly, the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and benefits every congregation and every mid council ministry. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.

- \* It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders, deacons, and ministers of the word and sacrament/teaching elders.
- \* It is how Presbyterians come together to discern God's call in their lives.
- \* It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on General Assembly committees and commissions, regardless of distance or financials resources.
- \* It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation" (Book of Order, G-4.0101)

Per Capita for 2021 is \$44.00 per member. Please help Eastminster to offset this cost by contributing toward our Per Capita.

## Good Samaritan Fund



On the first Sunday of each month our loose offering is designated to go into our Good Samaritan Fund. This fund is administered by our Board of Deacons who disperses these funds to those in our own congregation or in the community who are experiencing difficult circumstances. The Deacons cannot operate this fund without your help. Please remember to give generously on the first Sunday of the month, or anytime, to help ensure that we are meeting the needs of those in our congregation and our community.

From your friendly Christmas Basket Deacon:

We did baskets a little (ok, a lot) differently this year. At the request of Caze Elementary, we adopted individual children instead of families. We did school uniforms and gifts for 27 children.

The staff and teachers were so appreciative of our help, as they were trying to make sure every child went home with gifts this year.



We also discovered children within our own congregation who's families were not able to provide gifts this year. ( The pandemic has touched all of us in various ways) We were, thanks to your generosity and God's grace, able to provide gifts for those children as well.

Thank you so much for your unwavering support during this crazy year. You allowed the work of Christmas to continue. Together, we can do amazing things

Many Blessings  
Your Deacons

## Do You Have a story to Tell?

Have you got a story to tell? A thought you have had about God that you might like to share? Something that happened to you once long ago, or perhaps a travel memory? Some observation you have made about your day-to-day life? These are all examples of stories that interest young people, stories you may share in the context of a children's sermon. While we are blessed with a few different people who share time during this part of our worship service, perhaps you would consider sharing a story you have. You need not commit to doing this regularly, but consider sharing one time. What a gift you could give the young people of our congregation. It is even a gift to the congregation as a whole. Because, let's be honest, adults listen to and receive much from the Children's sermon too.

## CAMP IS COMING!!



Gemini camp summer dates have been set, so mark your calendar! June 13-18 is the week for Gemini camp. Any child entering 4th grade thru completing 12th grade can go to Gemini. Kids entering 2nd and 3rd are able to go to a mini-camp called Explorers. Currently, camp is set to be 50% capacity, so we need to get forms in ASAP. For the Explorers, forms can all be filled out online. Gemini forms come in the mail. Please send them back as soon as possible. Don't worry about deposits, I don't want any child to not attend camp because of money issues. We will start fundraisers soon, and everyone who wants to go, can go. I will be sending out messages to former campers as soon as paperwork is out. If you have a new camper and need paperwork, let me know!!

Many blessings and  
I AM SO EXCITED CAMP IS COMING!

Sabrina



Please call the church office or contact Leslie Webb to add a name or remove a name to the prayer chain. It is important that you provide a phone number with your request as well as a little information on the individual being added (if possible). Typically, prayer requests are left on the Prayer Chain for 6 weeks. If we have not received an update from you for your request, your request will be removed. Beginning March 1 we will update the list by removing names that have carried over for a long extended time. If the request is for someone that has an ongoing concern, please email or call us to let us know.

*There is power in prayer!*