



Eastminster Messenger

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Our Interim Pastor



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It was late as we pulled into the US Forest Service campsite somewhere in south-eastern Colorado. We had to set up our tents and then cook our meals with light provided only by flashlight. The next day we were scheduled to begin the back country phase of our camping trip in the Chalk Creek Pass. So the next morning came far too early. Most of us were tired, worn out from traveling cross-country by van, and too little sleep. We were roused by Dick Ryman, our leader and my mentor. We prepared our camp breakfast, struck the tents, and were ready to pile back into the van for the next bit of driving. As was our custom, we began with a prayer, most often led by Dick.

Within the prayer he thanked God for the “rest of the night.”

When I heard that phrase, I assumed he was thankful for the scant hours of sleep after all we had been through. I kind of heard him give thanks for the “remainder” of the night. I did not feel particularly rested, nor did I feel that thankful. But Dick kept using that same phrase in subsequent prayers, thanking God for the rest people took during the night. Then I realized that is what he was thankful for, having received refreshment through stillness and sleep, no matter how lengthy or brief. It was a good lesson/reminder that it is always important to be grateful, even if you feel you don’t have much. Whether it is sleep, resources, patience, whatever we lack, it is important to be thankful for what we have. All life is a gift from God.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Peace,
JT



Save a Life. Give Blood

Please schedule your blood donation appointment today!

Eastminster Presbyterian Church is proud to sponsor our next blood drive with the American Red Cross on Thursday, September 23rd. An estimated 38 percent of Americans are eligible to give blood or platelets, but of those, less than 10 percent actually donate each year. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the life-saving mission of the Red Cross!

Drive Details:

Drive Date: Thursday, September 23rd
 Drive Times: 1:00pm – 7:00pm
 Primary contact at Eastminster: Mark Miller
 Contact email: mhmiller52@yahoo.com
 Contact phone number: (812) 453-4428

OR Sign up On line at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) . Enter the code **Eastminster PC** for this blood drive and then click on the “Make your appointment “ box. A list of scheduled donation sites will appear along the far left of the screen. Scroll down the list until you see Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Click on the red “See Times” box, select the time you wish to give and click the “Blood” Box to reserve your donation time.

The need for blood is constant. The gratification of giving is instant.

**So give blood. Give life. Give a blessing to another.
 And may God Bless you!**

Sincerely,
 Shannon Irmscher,
 Mark Miller,
 Diane VanCleve,
 Pam Doerter,
 Barbara Kuykendall

Eastminster Mission & Outreach Committee



REMINDER:

The Men’s Breakfast group will not meet this Saturday, September 4, but will instead meet on Saturday, September 11, at 8:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS

Sunday, September 5: Pam Doerter

Sunday, September 12: Gary Van Zandt

Sunday, September 19: John Niehaus

Sunday, September 26: Patsy Sproatt



**Sunday School
Fall Kick-off
September 19**



Please pray for the following: Rose Kuhn; Julie Summit; Tid Turner; Jane Williams; Gene Tying; Mike Crecelius; Walt Lowe; Mae Chin; Pat Manis; Sue Kuhs; Allen Sanderson.



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.

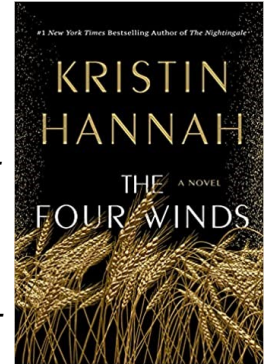
REMINDER:

If you are a committee chair, committee member or staff person and will be in attendance for Assembly Night on Wednesday, September 8th, please remember to sign up for pizza on the sign up sheet located in the gallery or by calling the church office at 812/476-3355.

EPC Book Club News

The EPC Book Club will be reading The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah on Tuesday, September 28 at noon at the Sports Den located on Weinbach Avenue.

Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance.



In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. The Four Winds is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers during my daughter, Kelly Koch’s, recent surgery. Her surgery went well and she is now home safely recovering.

Sincerely,
Martha Murphy



NO NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 7TH.



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