



# Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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## Dear Eastminster Church Family,

This week marks the three-year anniversary of my departure from Eastminster. I'd like to offer an update on our family, especially in terms of church involvement. To those within the church or elsewhere who may deem it improper to do so, I offer my sincere apology but after three years, it certainly doesn't seem logical to consider such a communication as an inappropriate intrusion into the life of the congregation. Emma Sue and I are doing well in Indianapolis, close to David & Kelsie, Drew & Marie and their three sons. Those two families are members of the New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fishers where Drew leads the Praise Band and David assists in Youth Group leadership and preaches on occasion. Two weeks ago at the New Hope Church I had the privilege of baptizing our grandson, Oliver - Drew and Marie's two-year old son. Derek & Erin, along with Dylan and Lydia, are still in Pittsburgh and Derek has recently been called as Head of Staff of the Sewickley Presbyterian Church.

Emma Sue and I, on the other hand, have found it extremely challenging to find a new church home. I feel a kinship with all of you for you are a church without a pastor and I am a pastor without a church. Covid has obviously presented serious challenges in your search for a pastor as well as our search for a church. As you have had extended times with two pastors, we have had extended times with two churches. Our attempts to find a permanent, comfortable fit have included nearly a dozen churches of various sizes and even various denominations.

Emma Sue and I have come to the realization that what we're looking for is...Eastminster. We've also come to realize that Eastminsters are a rarity. My purpose in writing to you, more than anything else, is to impress that upon you. You are a very special congregation with a glorious past and, I'm certain, an even more glorious future. I hope you realize that.

I hope you realize what a special group of staff members you have. I can tell you from my experience over the past three years that most churches don't have folks like Mary, Trey, Alana, Ryan, Mike and Marian on their staff. You are incredibly fortunate and I hope you realize that.

I also hope you realize how blessed you are to have such a strong group of capable, committed leaders. As you read this, you are one of those capable, committed leaders. Again, I speak from experience - most churches don't have what you have. Most churches aren't capable of doing what you are capable of doing. I trust you exude a sense of hope, confidence and appreciation with and for one another and perhaps most especially to those on the outside - those who visit Eastminster or those with whom you share information about the church.

Since I have suggested that three years is enough of a break for contact not to be considered inappropriate, if you are planning a trip to Indianapolis for any reason, please let us know. We'd love to see you. You will remain in our prayers in your continued search for a pastor and I hope we will remain in yours in our continued search for a church (preferably one a lot like Eastminster). In my last service with you, among the final words you heard were words of David Bailey that were sung by Drew. I leave them with you here: *"...you're a kaleidoscope of love and joy and hope. And shining on your face, I see His amazing grace. And I never will forget, these years that we have met..."*

**Blessings,  
Dennis**



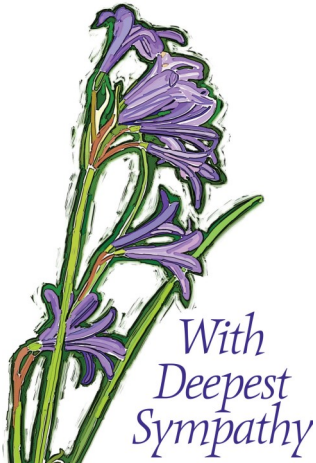


EPW will meet on Wednesday, March 2, at 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

Donna Cooke, Marilyn Ellsperman, Carol Palmer, and Vickie Rauch will combine their talents to provide us with an Irish themed luncheon.

Cindy Bernardin will present a program on the origins and meaning of Ash Wednesday.

All women of the church are invited.



We extend our deepest sympathy to Jo Chaddock, Pam Doerter, and all the rest of the family of John Chaddock, who passed away Monday, February 21, 2022.

## COMMUNION NOTES

Please dispose of the empty element cups in the containers provided as you leave the service. There will be wastebaskets placed throughout the Narthex and Gallery for your use.



**Presents at No Charge**

**LUNCH, LEARN & SHARE**

**11:00 am, Thursday, March 3rd**

*at the*

**Evansville Wartime Museum**

**(7503 Petersburg Rd)**

**Program by  
DAVID COKER**

**"Evansville Chrysler During WWII"**

**Flight Simulators**

**Gresham WWI Exhibit**

**Newly Remodeled Home Front Gallery**

**Stearman Plane**

**Vietnam Exhibit**

Reservations are required and must be submitted by Monday, February 28, 2022

Email: [jenniferbrowning85@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferbrowning85@yahoo.com)

Or text 812-454-3541

*\*transportation is not provided*

## Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the following: Tid Turner, Jane Williams, Mike Crecelius, Walt Lowe, Mae Chin, Sue Kuhs, Annie Gregg, Shannon Kuhs, Jo Chaddock, and Pam Doerter.

If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at [eppcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:eppcprayers@gmail.com) or call the church office.



# March 2022

## BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Sarah Karges
- 3/3 Isaac Holden
- 3/4 Walt Lowe  
Bob Parsons
- 3/9 Yancey Ferguson  
Grace Crecelius  
Don Patterson
- 3/13 Dorothy Mans
- 3/15 Steve Fritz
- 3/18 Reed Zeiher
- 3/25 Keaton Weil
- 3/28 Levi Holden  
Isabella Kuhs  
Kirsten Shofstall

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 -10:30 Fellowship
- 10:30 Worship
- 6:30 PM Youth Group



**OLD IRISH BLESSING**

MAY GOD GIVE YOU

FOR EVERY STORM, A RAINBOW,  
FOR EVERY TEAR, A SMILE,  
FOR EVERY CARE, A PROMISE,  
AND A BLESSING IN EACH TRIAL.  
FOR EVERY PROBLEM LIFE SENDS,  
A FAITHFUL FRIEND TO SHARE,  
FOR EVERY SIGN, A SWEET SONG,  
AND AN ANSWER FOR EACH PRAYER.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	2 11:15 AM EPW  	3 7 PM Choir  	4	5 8 AM Men's Breakfast  
6	7	8 9 AM Quilters  6:15 Ladies' Night Out  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Movie Night	9 <b>6 PM Assembly Night</b>	10 7 PM Choir	11	12
13  	14	15 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	16	17 7 PM Choir  	18	19
20	21 1 PM Bridge	22 9 AM Quilters Noon - Book Club  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	23 <b>6 PM Session</b>	24 7 PM Choir	25	26
27	28	29 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	30	31 7 PM Choir		

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