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Reflecting on the "Our Money Story" theme:

"So much of our beliefs and behaviors are rooted in stories-narratives that are personal, familial, societal, cultural, and religious. We have subconsciously absorbed and actively constructed many money stories.

This stewardship series invites us to tease apart these overlapping narratives, to claim and recreate our stories in light of the stories we find in scripture. Throughout our theme and resource creation, I've experienced a shift in my own personal narrative around money. I've found clarity regarding the areas of my money story that hold tension or heaviness. I've experienced a release that has sparked in me a renewed desire to let my life truly reflect my theological beliefs about giving and justice. Behaviors change when the stories we tell ourselves are transformed."

-Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Founder, Creative Director of *A Sanctified Art*.

Focal Scripture for this week:

RELEASE

Matthew 19:16-22

Deuteronomy 15:1-11

This week we practice release of shame, anxiety, guilt, greed or anything that keeps us from freedom and wholeness. We release the elements of our money story that prevent us from fully living into God's story. In Matthew, we see a man grieved to let go of his wealth. In Deuteronomy, we find the radical social mandate of cancelled debts, a communal release that is practiced for the good of all. Releasing is a spiritual practice that frees us from ourselves and liberates others.

Please plan on using the Stewardship Study Journal that was available on Sunday to help guide you in the 2023 Stewardship Campaign. If you didn't get your Journal, see Mel next Sunday.



The Parlor

For those new to Eastminster or those who just have not had the opportunity to explore the building, please take the time at some point to visit the Parlor. It is down the hallway out of the kitchen, to the right. (No food or drinks, please.)

Furnished and maintained by funds from the Memorial Committee, the Parlor is a formal setting which provides a quiet venue for meditation or conversation, and is

comfortable for small group meetings. It has in the past been referred to as the "Brides Room", and still serves that purpose for weddings today.

The China cabinet and hutch and a portion of the crystal and glassware in the open shelves came to us with the Washington Avenue members. The beautiful items in the China cabinet are in memory of women who were leaders in their women's association and are titled with their names.

The tall case clock was donated by the late Bob and Virginia Glascock and is maintained for us by our member Richard Yeager, who is a skilled clocksmith.

The open shelves contain mementoes of the Eastminster congregation, gathered over the years but unidentified. Other items of the crystal and glassware in addition to those from the Washington avenue members, are a collection from Eastminster, plus now from the Newburgh members. Also from that congregation, we now have a painting of the original Newburgh Presbyterian Church building (which still stands on State Street and is now maintained by the Historical Society). Also on the shelves are many books – theological studies, reference works, and Bible study guides, and these are for your use. There is no check-out system. Simply be mindful to return any item so that it is available to others.

The lower cabinets, just like home, are a storage and collection area. Of interest, one of the lower cabinets contains photo albums documenting Eastminster activities during the 1980'S and 90's, compiled by a member who was active during those years.

If you wish to schedule the Parlor for a meeting, please contact the office to be added to the calendar.





Thank you to the Deacons for hosting our Coming Home Luncheon this past Sunday.

Many people enjoyed the variety of soups and sandwiches that were available as well as all the sweet desserts. Thank you to all who brought a dish, prepared items in the kitchen and to all of those who showed up. Let's do it again...and real soon!





NOVEMBER 2022

Anniversaries

11/5 Greg & Marcia Nauert
 11/9 Mel & Marilyn Ellsperman
 11/10 Jason & Leslie Webb
 11/11 Bob & Susan Parsons

Birthdays

11/1 Erika Weil
 Kyhleen Gee
 11/4 Addison Kuhs
 11/6 Rob Engelbrecht
 Luke Nicholson
 11/7 Cole Irmischer
 Harold Post
 11/8 Jeff Pease
 11/13 Nancy Sanderson
 11/15 Brad Mogavero
 11/24 Gary Van Zandt
 11/27 Melissa Mattingly
 11/28 Tim Fiedler
 11/30 Hayden Whitledge



Sunday Schedule

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 AM Quilters 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Movie Night	2 Noon - EPW 6 PM Deacons	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	9 6 PM Assembly Night	10 7 PM Choir	11	12
13	14	15 9 AM Quilters 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	16 6 PM Session	17 7 PM Choir	18	19 6 PM Stewardship Dinner
20 Commitment Sunday	21 1 PM Bridge	22 9 AM Quilters Noon - Book Club	23	24 	25 Office Closed for Holiday	26
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