



Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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Hello, Friends,

How do we live fully and authentically? Crucial question for today, and one that we'll bring a heartfelt look at this Sunday as we explore Matthew

5:13-20 and the vital difference that living in such a full, authentic way makes for the world unto the glory of God. I'm excited to continue this Sunday in the series "Following Jesus" with you.

I hope the many invites for worship, growing, and community building in the newsletter are a blessing to you and our neighbors.

Let us worship God!

Joy and courage, Ryan

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet."

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for the following:
Tid Turner, Jane Williams, Walt Lowe, Ann Meyers, David Holder, Shirley Vanlandingham, Ashly Steckel, Jesse Garcia, Lee & Karen Miller, Rilee Jane Colbert, Steve Aud, Sabrina Holden, Jerry, and the people of Ukraine.

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.



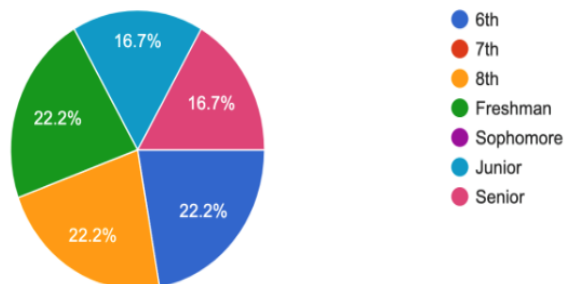
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting following the 10:30 service on Sunday, February 12.

We will receive and vote on the Annual Report.

Your presence will be appreciated.

The following image reflects the grade levels of active youth group members as of January (out of the 18 who filled out their form).



SUPER BOWL PARTY?

Are you interested in attending a Super Bowl Party here at the church?

Enjoy watching the game on the BIG screen in Fellowship Hall?

Share snacks & fellowship with other sports fans?

Contact Donna Cooke at 812 456-6272

Or call the church office
if you are interested in attending.



SAVE THE DATE

On Thursday, February 9 at 7 PM.
Murray State Men's Choir will hold a concert at Eastminster under the direction of Dr. Christopher Mitchell.

Please save the date; more info will follow.



Exploring Eastminster

There are some of us who still use the front entrance to the Church, enjoying the beautiful trees and yard, the wide porch and the sturdy columns, but we know that the preferred entrance to the building is through the Gallery as it is handicapped accessible, offers covered access in inclement weather, and has the greeter there to welcome us. This area is the newest addition to Eastminster, begun in early 2007 and completed the next year.

In the original plan for Eastminster, this area was to be a large square addition with a hallway out of the narthex, balancing in appearance the hallway and Fellowship Hall to the East. But when the congregation was able to move ahead with the addition, it was decided that a smaller area designed more to meet the immediate needs (the covered, handicapped accessible entrance) was the better choice. From the beginning it was planned that the addition would be built to feature the stained glass window which had been brought to Eastminster from the Washington Avenue Church building and stored in anticipation of its use.

At first, the area was referred to by various names – the gathering room, the welcome center, and the rotunda, among them. According to Dr. Davenport, when the announcement was made that we would be adding works of art as the focus of the décor to further our theme of Christianity and the Arts, someone said “You’re turning that room into a gallery!” Then, by chance it was discovered that one of the many definitions of the word “gallery” is “an addition to the west side of a church that is used for meetings and other purposes.” And so it is named.

It is easy to rush through the Gallery intent on getting to services, checking what is of interest on the welcome center, greeting fellow worshipers, or shaking hands with Pastor Ryan after the service while anticipating lunch. But it is so worthwhile to spend time with each of the paintings:

The Return of the Prodigal Son, by Rembrandt (1662);

The Creation of Adam, by Michelangelo (1511);

The Conversion on the Road to Damascus, by Caravaggio (1601); and,

The Good Samaritan, by Van Gogh (1890).

A brochure that provides information about each painting is available on one of the side tables. The paintings are from the same source as those now hanging in Nativity Hall. All were provided by private donation and were chosen because of their significance to our Christian faith. Before they were hung, Dr. Davenport presented a series of sermons entitled “Masterpieces for the Master.” One was the focus of the sermon each Sunday, which helped us to know more about the artist, to understand what is depicted in the painting, and to see its meaning for us. The last to be hung, “The Prodigal Son”, is nearest to the Sanctuary entrance to remind us that our Heavenly Father is waiting for us with open arms. Dr. Davenport also challenged us to look at the paintings from the perspective of “hands”, as they are significant in each. What will you do with your hands that will make a difference in someone’s life?

In addition to the paintings there are comfortable chairs where you may sit and enjoy the sunshine through the stained-glass window, which is also deeply meaningful. And you can leaf through a copy of “The Saints of Eastminster”.

We encourage you to take some time and enjoy all that the Gallery offers.

Bible Memory Contest Started This Past Sunday!

Memory work for 2-3 year olds:

John 3:16 or John 14:6 and the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12) and 1 Corinthians 13:4a

Memory work for Pre-Kindergartners:

John 3:16, John 14:6, Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12) and the 12 disciples.

Memory work for Kindergartners:

John 3:16, John 14:6, the Golden Rule, the 12 Disciples & The Lord's Prayer

Memory work for 1st Graders:

John 3:16, John 14:6, The Golden Rule: Matthew 7:12, the 12 Disciples & The Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments,

Memory work for 2nd Graders:

John 3:16, John 14:6, The Golden Rule: Matthew 7:12, the 12 Disciples & The Lord's Prayer & The Ten Commandments and the Fruit of the Spirit.

Memory work for 3rd graders:

John 3:16 and John 14:6, the Golden Rule, The 12 Disciples, The Lord's Prayer, & The Ten Commandments, the Fruits of the Spirit and the Books of the New Testament.

Memory work for 4th graders:

John 3:16 and John 14:6, the Golden Rule, The 12 Disciples, The Lord's Prayer, & The Ten Commandments, the Fruits of the Spirit and the Books of the New Testament and Books of the Old Testament.

Memory work for 5th graders:

John 3:16 and John 14:6, the Golden Rule, The 12 Disciples, The Lord's Prayer, & The Ten Commandments, the Fruits of the Spirit and the Books of the New Testament, Books of the Old Testament and 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Memory work for 6th graders:

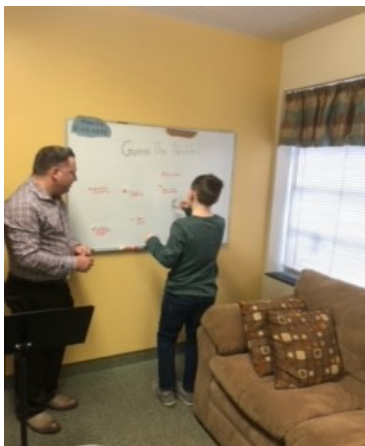
John 3:16, John 14:6, The Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12), the 12 Disciples, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Fruit of the Spirit, the New Testament, the Old Testament, 1 Corinthians 13:4-13, and the Apostle's Creed

Memory work for 7th-8th graders:

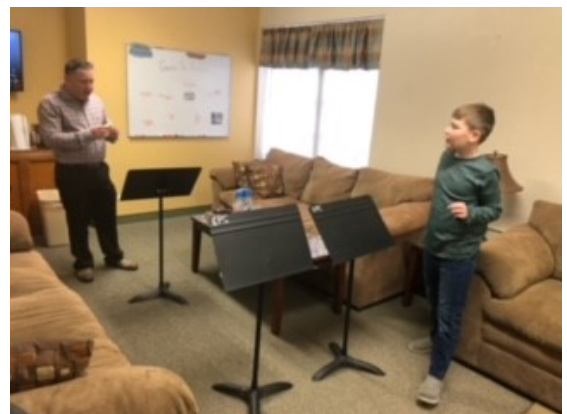
John 3:16, John 14:6, The Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12), the 12 Disciples, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Fruit of the Spirit, the New Testament, the Old Testament, 1 Corinthians 13:4-13, Apostle's Creed, and Psalm 23

Memory work for 9th-12th graders:

John 3:16, John 14:6, The Golden Rule: Matthew 7:12, the 12 Disciples, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Fruit of the Spirit, the New Testament, the Old Testament, 1 Corinthians 13:4-13, the Apostle's Creed, Psalm 23, and John 1:1-5



Cole Irmscher and Mr. Gordon are hard at work on the memory contest.





February 2023

Birthdays

2/2 John Oglesby
 2/3 Hunter Overfield
 2/12 Nancy Engelbrecht
 2/14 Gary Pennington
 2/17 Patty Tharp
 2/21 Lannie Frasier
 2/23 Deveta Miller
 Diane VanCleave
 2/27 Chris Walsh



Sunday Schedule

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

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

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