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FROM THE PASTOR

Hey friends, *"There is a quiet courage that comes from an inward spring of confidence in the meaning and significance of life. Such courage is an underground river, flowing far beneath the shifting events of one's experience, keeping alive a thousand little springs of action."*--Howard Thurman

A few songbirds right in the beginning of February were carrying on with quite a tune. Maybe this was just hope stirring within me, but it sure sounded like their song was of a spring quickly approaching. A neighbor's magnolia is already in full bloom. Beautiful to enjoy. Seeing that, and after these last few weeks of all kinds of life springing forth, I'm beginning to believe that I heard at least maybe part of the songbirds' lyrics correctly.

What are the signs of spring, of resurrection, of life springing forth that you are noticing?

Maybe too, we are glimpsing an early spring happening for many congregations across the United States. With fellowship meals happening more often again, mission efforts and trips building up, new and familiar faces joining in worship, there are many congregations who have been seeing more signs of life. Thanks be to God! And yet for so many of these same congregations it seems, there's many folks and much activity that continues to be missed hasn't fully returned.

I give thanks for the many signs of life and resurrection hope springing forth through the work of the Spirit in you, Eastminster. So much life and so many have returned! Thanks be to God! I give thanks to God for you, and for the fresh expressions of life in Christ that we are blessed to discover and share in.

Yet amidst the beautiful glimpses of spring, congregations are increasingly confronted with a challenging loneliness that so many among us and in the wider world are going through. Inside and outside every congregation, this may be one of our generation's greatest challenges. A challenge of which we are all deeply aware, but it is also one that I believe that you, Eastminster, are actively engaging in so many beautiful ways. As that challenge still continues, may each of you hear the song of spring anew that sings to us saying that we each have life, precious life, love, abilities, and invitations to share.

May each of you be blessed to give and to share invitations of friendship, kindness, compassion, and community this week. Thank you for all the ways together you live your life in a way where so many experience belonging in Christ. May the love of Christ abide with you, sing for you, and draw out your unique gifts in beautiful ways this week. I hope to hear from you soon.

Joy and courage, Ryan



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, Dawn, the people of Ukraine & Turkey, Ginny Schroeder, and Peggy Pennington.

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.



Our own Addison Fritz is in North High School's musical "The Sound of Music".

There will be performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:00 and Sunday at 2:00, March 9 thru 12.

We hope you will attend one of these shows, and if you'd like to go as a group, please let Karla Horrell know of your time preference.

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Burnamwood Appalachian Ministries

JULY 9 - JULY 14

Please take an application, fill out
and return to the church A.S.A.P.



A host of jobs are available for all ages and ranges of abilities.

There is definitely a **SPOT** for **YOU!!!**



\$100.00 Deposit by March 31st
to ensure your place on the trip

See Donna, Trey or Ryan for more information



Loaves and Fishes



Who is invited to Loaves & Fishes?

Everyone is invited to Loaves & Fishes.

What is Loaves & Fishes?

Loaves and Fishes is a dinner group with time for fellowship.

When & Where is Loaves & Fishes?

Usually there are 8 individuals in a group, couples & singles will be joined to make 8 total in the group. Once groups have been formed, information will be provided to all group members such as names, phone numbers, & e-mails. The first "host(s)" will be asked to call or e-mail members in their group to set a date, time, & place that works for everyone for the first meal along with requests for allergies (food or pet). Some may have the group of 8 join together to put a meal together in their home, while others may choose to have the group meet for dinner at a restaurant, it's completely up to you.

At the first meal, someone will agree to be the second host and follow this same procedure. A different member will host the group each month.

Why Join Loaves & Fishes?

The purpose of Loaves & Fishes is to share a meal and spend an evening getting to know others we worship with in our church.

There is no agenda, just an evening of fellowship and food. Fun! Food! Fellowship!!!

How do I Join Loaves & Fishes?

If you would like to be part of a group please contact Karla Horrell

by e-mail at kczhorrell@aol.com

or by phone at 812-476-5641.

Groups will be formed and notified in March.



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