



Hey Eastminster and friends, how do you find your way when lost? Have you ever had an experience where you felt in “the twilight zone”? I learned that Rod Serling, creator of the television series, *The Twilight Zone*, ventured into science fiction

because he believed that form gave much greater, creative room to explore challenging circumstances.

Back then, and certainly seems even more so today, there are all sorts of dizzying circumstances that could lead just about anyone to feel they were in “the twilight zone.”

In a world beset with disorienting challenges and changes, how does Jesus lead and guide people in a good way forward? What exactly is the way forward and the great work Jesus calls people to join in amidst a challenging world? This Sunday, I’m looking forward to sharing exploring these questions together, along with connections to an interesting, much forgotten Twilight Zone episode, and most of all, this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter’s gospel text, John 14:1-14.

May all shared in worship, fellowship, study, and service bring blessing to you, and glory to God. Glad to share in the journey of following Jesus with you!

May the way of Jesus, the risen and living LORD, grace your path, guide your decisions, and enliven your imagination this week. Let us worship God!

Joy and courage, Ryan

### MISSION TRIP!!

Growing group of youth and adults embarking for Eastern Kentucky this July! Planning to go? Friendly reminder to get those mission trip registration forms and \$100 deposits in this week.

We give thanks for all the prayers continually shared for the upcoming trip, and for the blessing to join in mission with God together.

## Music

There are seasons and semesters that feel so golden, I don’t want anything to change – I think if I hold my breath, these moments will last. Perhaps you have felt it, but this choir season has felt like

one of those special times for me. The work has been joyful and choir practice is consistently my favorite part of the week. But as Robert Frost reminds us, “Nothing gold can stay.”

What we do week in and week out is made possible by our scholarship singers and I am saddened that in May we will be saying farewell to our soprano, Darwi Sandleben. Darwi has been with us since 2018 and is a vital part of our ministry. In July, Darwi will be moving to Colorado to pursue her masters in vocal performance at the University of Northern Colorado. While I would selfishly love to have Darwi stay in Evansville, this is such an exciting and necessary step for her career and growth as a musician.

This season of change continues with the announcement that our much loved organist, Ryan Luttrull, will be taking a position at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. I could fill pages with the impact Ryan has made on our music program and ministry at Eastminster, but I think you all know how much he brings to us every week. He was the calm, steady voice when I became music director and has remained that during his tenure. During the early weeks of the pandemic, his was the only (masked) face I would see when we would meet up to record the hymns for our online service. As we navigated the departure of Dennis Davenport to the calling of Ryan Bradney, Ryan provided stability which we (ok, me) so greatly needed. I am so excited for this next chapter of his life and I hope each of you will let Ryan know the impact he has made on our church community.

Several months ago, I sat down with Music & Worship to pitch an idea of Darwi giving a recital at Eastminster as a way of celebrating her time with us. This recital will now serve as a celebration for both Darwi and Ryan. On May 21 at 3 p.m., Darwi, Ryan, and the members of the Eastminster choir will be in concert in the Sanctuary. I cannot think of a more fitting way to celebrate and send-off Ryan and Darwi than with music. I hope you will join us and appreciate all of the incredible gifts that they have shared with us through the years.

Alanna



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## Congregational Meeting

Please join us this Sunday, May 7th immediately after worship to review the purchase agreement and vote on any action required for the Mission House.



## It's Graduation Time!

We're looking for those who are graduating this spring to offer our congratulations. If you know of someone who is graduating (high school or beyond), please call the church office and let us know. We're always pleased to learn of the educational achievements of those in our church family. Provide us with as much info as possible and we'll be announcing graduates in our newsletter.



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, Carolyn Stitt, Ginny Schroeder Peggy Pennington, Jack Garcia, Linda Coleman, Patty Reynolds, Nick Wilt and the people of Ukraine and Sudan.



Everyone is invited to attend Hillcrest's Open House

Friday, May 12, 2023

Beginning at 11:30AM and ending at 1:30 PM.

Tours will take place every 15 minutes

Call 812-428-0698 for more information or to say you will be there!



Don't forget to sign up for Assembly Night if you are on a committee and that committee will be meeting. The next Assembly Night will be Wednesday, May 10 at 6:00 PM. The sign up sheet is in the Gallery.

The next Community Group will meet on Friday, May 19. The place and time will be determined at a later time. The sign up sheet is located in the Gallery. Everyone is invited to come and learn about ways we can grow in faith and in our church. We hope you will sign up!

The next Men's Club at Eastminster will be at 8 am on Saturday, May 6th. In honor of Memorial Day later in the month, we will be watching the PBS special "Hallowed Grounds, America's Overseas Military Cemeteries" The Run time is about 60 minutes. If you can't stay for the entire time, that is OK as you will get to see a few of the cemeteries.

Due to scheduling conflicts there will be no meeting in June but we will resume in July.

### Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Please contact Karla Horrell at [kczhorrell@aol.com](mailto:kczhorrell@aol.com) if you will be attending or call the church office.



The Blood Drive that was scheduled for Monday, May 22 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later time. Once we have that information we will pass that along to you!



## Bible Game Show Sunday, April 30th!



## Congratulations!

Hooray to the following for completing all their memory work!

Adrienne Carter  
Kamayiah Fleming  
Addison Fritz  
Cole Irscher  
Ava Kuhs  
Bella Kuhs  
Elizabeth Lee  
Chy'rell Williams

