



Eastminster Messenger

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Pastor's Message

“Of the seven deadly sins, anger is the most fun. To lick your wounds, to smack your lips over grievances long past, to roll your tongue over the prospect of bitter confrontations yet to come, to savor the last toothsome morsel of the pain you are given and the pain you are giving back — in many ways it is a feast fit for a king. The chief drawback is that what you are wolfing down is yourself. The skeleton at the feast is you”—
Frederick Buechner

“How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.”—Psalm 119:103

Right near the middle of the Bible, in Psalm 119, the longest of all the Psalms, God breaks forth with a good feast for the soul and imagination, one where anger isn't the main course. This is a true, delightful feast where the Word is experienced and deeply enjoyed as sweeter even than honey.

Psalm 119 “does not pretend to be, a sudden outpouring of the heart. It is a pattern, a thing done like embroidery, stitch by stitch, through long, quiet hours, for love of the subject and for the delight in leisurely, disciplined craftsmanship---C.S. Lewis

This week, and every week, may we give our soul good food, entrusting our challenges, frustrations, opportunities, and most of all, our lives to Jesus. Whether it's listening to a few favorite hymns or inspiring songs, reading Scripture and faith inspiring books, sharing in weekly worship, conversations with friends who help you recover that praise and let go of the anger that eats at you, or a whole host of other good practices, may you enjoy a good feast for the soul today and everyday.

Feast is up!

I give thanks for the vibrant life in worshipping God that you share, all the growth that God gives, and the wonderful journey ahead. Have a good week! See you Sunday if not sooner. Let us worship God!

Joy and courage, Ryan

Presbyterian Women 2023 Birthday Offering

For many years, we at Eastminster have been strong supporters of the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women. This is an offering that, for nearly 90 years, has provided hope and security to vulnerable people around the world. Each year, grant requests are submitted and the recipients of those grants are doing tremendous things in the name of Christ all around the world.



This year, the recipients are from a variety of places and they are providing a variety of ministries, all of which are helping individuals in need. One will provide an help with young mothers by breaking the cycle of abusive relationships, addiction, incarceration and early motherhood. Another will offer the Berhane Yesus Elementary School, located in the western highlands of Ethiopia, seeks to change lives by sharing the “Light of Jesus” and by providing the best possible educational experience for the children of Dembi Dollo. Berhane Yesus provides children with the possibility of a better future by preparing them for a rigorous high school education and a life of Christian service.

The projects of the Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering are very carefully chosen and we have the assurance that the ministry being provided is of the highest integrity and truly meeting needs that will change lives. On Sunday, August 20 we will have offering envelopes available for the Birthday Offering.

We encourage you to participate in this very meaningful opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with those in need.



Community Group will meet this Friday, August 18. We will meet at the new ROCA BAR located in the old Schnuck's complex.

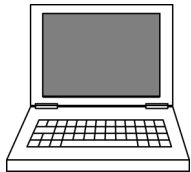
The sign up sheet is located in the Gallery. Everyone is invited to come and learn about ways we can grow in faith and in our church.

We hope you will sign up!



Please welcome our newest members!

Lynn & Ken Copp united with Eastminster this past Sunday, August 13, 2023.



Do you ever need to find some information from one of our old newsletters, but you've already thrown it away? Well, you are in luck. We have copies of old newsletters archived on our website.

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Please pray for the following individuals:



Prayer Requests

Tid Turner, Jane Williams, Walt Lowe, Ann Meyers, Ginny Schroeder, Peggy Pennington, Lydia, Bekah, Dave & Barbara Moran, Mike Naas, Betty Sue Foster, Tatum Turpin, Larry Wheat, Sandra Hess, Linda Coleman, Bridgette, Carolyn Stitt, and the people of Ukraine.



A few weeks ago, I asked the congregation to send me their favorite/comfort hymns - those hymns we find ourselves hearing on repeat in our heads or those that evoke strong memories.

In the coming weeks, we will include these in our Worship. It probably comes as no surprise that "In the Garden" was mentioned multiple times for memories both happy and bitter-sweet. In our hymnal, it's found in the Easter section, but many of us find comfort in its text during funeral services.

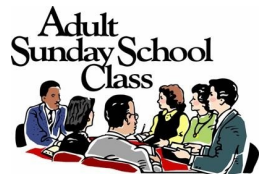
I have loved hearing your stories and remembrances. There is power and community in sharing and singing in Worship together. Please keep sharing with me and those around you.

If you have a hymn that you think we should include, please send me an email (ak215@evansville.edu) or catch me at Eastminster.

Blessings,
Alanna

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have two adult Sunday school classes for anyone interested in learning more about the Bible, Christianity, their purpose in this world, etc.



Jim & Diane VanCleave are long time Sunday school teachers with lots of experience, and Jim will always make you laugh! Their class meets in room 101.

Pastor Ryan leads a free-wheeling class where everyone joins in the discussions. All questions and opinions are explored thoroughly. This class meets in room 203.

Come and join in this time of learning and fellowship! Classes meet from 9:00 to 10:00 AM each Sunday.

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