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FROM THE PASTOR

There are moments when the heart is generous, and then it knows that for better or worse our lives are woven together here, one with one another and with the place and all the living things. —

by Wendell Berry

Eastminster, have you ever felt like you received an infusion of gratitude? With schools resuming and summer vacations completing, how good it will be to see even more friends, neighbors, and visitors in worship. How good it's been to see so many in worship during the summer months. Wonderful to witness many ways, you, an active, worshipful, and warm congregation share in the way of Jesus.

Thank you all so much for the many prayers lifted while I was hospitalized for 4 days last week with a severe leg infection.

I missed being there for worship, the conversations in Sunday school, the fellowship, and the blessing of the backpacks. I have missed getting out and about for visits too. I am so thankful to be further on the road to recovery, by the grace of many prayers, so many caring staff at the hospital, and countless other blessings.

Your prayerful, wholehearted way of being in Christ and in community has already graced the life of my family in so many ways in just the year that I have been here. I am thankful beyond words

I am so very grateful for the love and compassion that you live out, and to witness your growth together in living the way of Jesus with each other, and in your going out into the world. I give thanks for the love, faith, and welcome that you live out even amidst discomfort, challenge, and change.

There are moments when we are, especially, aware of living and serving with gratitude.

I am very thankful for Mary's wonderful coordination to fill the pulpit this past Sunday and of other pastoral needs. The staff is strong, faithful, and haven't missed a beat. Go team!

I give thanks for opportunities the Spirit gives us each day to live out the gospel, the good news.

How will you be an infusion of gratitude this week?

Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday, and to the growing adventures and blessings of an active life in Christ together with you!

Joy and courage, Ryan



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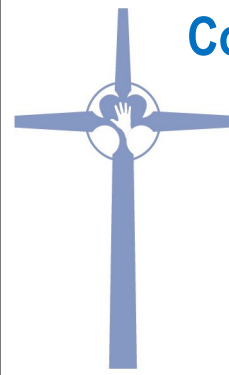
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Conversations on Faith & Membership

This Sunday, August 13, we will hold our Conversations on Faith & Membership in Fellowship Hall. All those newly visiting Eastminster or those who are interested in learning more about our faith and membership are encouraged to attend. See Pastor Ryan if you have any questions. Looking forward to sharing together with you!



Please pray for the following individuals:

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



The next Community Group will meet on 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!

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.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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.

Backpacks & Blessings



Our Chancel was full with students during the Backpacks & Blessings portion of our Worship Service. Thank you Trey for doing a fantastic job in presenting it.



Over 15 Children & Youth attend our Back to School Bash!



Eastminster was happy to host a Back to School Bash where all students could come and obtain FREE back to school supplies. We couldn't be happier with the turn out! The Starfish Ministry is planning on hosting this event again next year! Way to go EPC!!!



Over 18 individuals attended our 2nd "Lunch in the Courtyard." Lots of fellowship and fun was had by all who attended. The next get together will be Friday, September 1, at Noon. Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending. Everyone is invited to attend. All you need to bring is the lunch of your choice.

Thank You TO OUR SPONSORS

The Starfish Ministry and EPC would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for donating the funds that helped us serve so many students this year. This event would not have been possible without YOU!

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