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“No matter how much we suffer, no matter our doubts, no matter how angry we get, no matter how many times we have asked in desperation or doubt, ‘How long?’, prayer develops finally into praise. Everything finds its way to the doorsteps of praise. Praise is the consummating prayer. This is not to say that other prayers are inferior to praise, only that all prayer pursued far enough, becomes praise.”- Eugene Peterson

Do you have a favorite song? One in which you can continually find deeper meaning and inspiration? This Sunday I look forward to beginning a four-week sermon series on Psalm 145, a song of faith with immense inspiration that attunes its listeners to God’s presence and care in a world of tremendous need.

This week we’ll be listening closely to verses one through seven. May it speak inspiration to you, and may all that is shared in worship give God glory! So much to give God praise for. This week’s newsletter gives us many wonderful reasons.

Let us worship God!
 Joy and courage,
 Ryan



On Sunday, October 22, immediately after worship we will have a New Member (bring your favorite dish) Pitch In Meal. Everyone is encouraged to come, bring your favorite dish, maybe the recipe if you would like to share and meet all of the new members who have joined since January. Please use the sign up sheet that is located in the Gallery to RSVP. We are really looking forward to this meal and hope you are too!

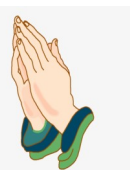
Please pray for our youth as they make a trip back to Burnamwood in Irvine Kentucky.

As you may remember, last summer members of the EPC congregation, including many youth, went on a mission trip to Camp Burnamwood in the Appalachian region of Kentucky. While we were there we were lucky to have stayed in the lodge located on the campgrounds. While we were there we developed a relationship with the caretaker of the campgrounds, who clearly has no shortage of things to do. He graciously invited the youth group to stay at the campground if we ever had the desire, which was perfect because we were planning a fall retreat.

From October 13th-15th, the youth group will be doing both. We will be taking a mini trip to Camp Burnamwood in order to further our spiritual development while continuing to cultivate the exciting relationship our congregation formed with people of Irvine.

Please pray for the following individuals:

Jane Williams, Walt Lowe, Ann Meyers, Gary & Peggy Pennington, Lydia, Bekah, Dave & Barbara Moran, Mike Naas, Betty Sue Foster, Tatum Turpin, Sandra Hess, Linda Coleman, Chris, Kenny, Cheri Kieffner, the people of Ukraine, and Israel.



Nancy Sanderson had an interesting talk on “Rosie the Riveter” at the Evansville Wartime Museum on Wednesday, October 4 for EPW. A tour of the museum and an opportunity to fly a plane on the simulator was also offered. Twenty-four women from EPW attended the event. A sincere THANK YOU to Nancy for this opportunity!



FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

A little bit about me: I am terrible with secrets - especially when these secrets contain good news. I am so glad I can make the following announcement because I was about to crack. I get to share with you the joyful news that Ryan Luttrull will be returning as our organist starting in November. It is hard for me to put into words just how wonderful this news is. Ryan is both an excellent colleague and a friend, so I am excited for the future of music at Eastminster. His first Sunday in worship will be November 5. I hope all of you will be there to share this joy.

I hope that when I look back on these last few months, I remember them with gratitude and joy. While we have been looking for an organist, Eastminster has been richly blessed by the talents of Dennis Malfatti, Anne Fiedler, Terry Becker, Marcia Nauert, Kristin Jones, and Margaret Kimberling. What could have been an awkward time of transition allowed so many of us to reconnect with people we hadn't seen in a while or hear just how talented our members are. What should have been a stressful time in finding coverage was a reminder to me how generous and supportive this congregation and surrounding music community could be. When I asked for help, so many went above and beyond in their support. I am grateful for Ryan Bradney and the Personnel Committee who helped each step of the way and gave guidance as plans for the position evolved. I must include Mary Fulkerson in my gratitude list for helping me stay organized. Finally, I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support during this time of transition. It is a joy to spend my Sundays with you in worship. -- Alanna Keenan



Starfish Ministry

October items are:
 Adult/children’s hats
 Adult/children’s gloves or mittens
 Scarves
 Chapstick
 Hand warmers (located at the dollar tree)



As of September 22, a total of 4 families have received Eastminster food bags to help with food insufficiency in our community. Your donated items are greatly appreciated by the Starfish Team. This service would not be possible without YOUR support!

If you have questions or would like to serve on the Starfish Ministry Team please see; Beth Bailey, Donna Cooke, Mary Fulkerson or Diane VanCleave.



The next Community Group will meet on Friday, October 20, at 6:30PM. We will meet at the Rooster’s Den located in Newburgh. 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!

Liturgist Schedule

October 15 - Donna Cooke



EPW Cheeseball Fundraiser

Orders for cheeseballs will be taken following church service on Sunday, October 15. This is a fundraiser for Eastminster Presbyterian Women. The cost for cheeseballs is \$12 each. Payment is required at the time of ordering. Cheeseballs are a welcoming gift at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It’s almost time for our Halloween Carnival!



Who-o-o is invited? All children of the church, toddlers through 5th grade. Children through kindergarten age are required to have an adult with them for the carnival.

When and where is the Halloween Carnival?



It is on Sunday, October 29, immediately following 10:30 worship in the fellowship hall of the church.

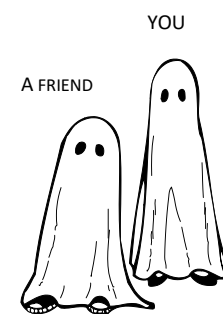
What is the charge ?

Each child is asked to bring one bag of wrapped candy to be hidden in the haystacks.

What about costumes?

Costumes are optional. There isn’t a right or wrong. Children (and adults) may wear costumes if they would like.

May I bring a friend?



Yes! Each child is encouraged to bring a friend to the carnival. Try to think of a friend without a church home. Invite them and their family to come to church on Sunday!

DONATIONS OF UNOPENED BAGS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY ARE NEEDED! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A BAG...OR TWO, PLEASE BRING TO THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY OR DROP IT BY THE OFFICE.

Conversations on Faith & Membership, October 15 and October 22

Are you newly visiting Eastminster or interested in learning more about faith and membership with the church? We’re excited to share upcoming conversations beginning Sunday October 15 and 22nd at 9am in the parlor, which is just around the corner from Fellowship Hall. This 2 week Sunday School class invites a wonderful exploration of life in Christ, Eastminster Church, and our faith journeys. Looking forward to sharing together with you!



Join Small Groups for a night at University of Southern Indiana for their Madrigal Feaste. This performance showcases the USI Chamber Choir, while including faculty, students, and food service participants wearing period costumes, and singing old English and Irish Madrigals, folk songs and holiday selections. This is a reenactment of a 15th century royal feast and the entertainment abounds.

Group tickets will go on sale on October 16th and pricing will be publicized at that time. Last year a single ticket cost was \$42 each but a group of 10 or more were priced at \$34 each. I won’t have ticket cost till making the reservation but hopefully we will qualify for the group rate. Keep in mind this includes a meal.

We could take the church bus, if desired. Please call the church office to turn in a reservation for Friday, December 1st and state whether you want to ride the bus. Doors open at 6:30 with the Feaste beginning at 7 p.m. If taking the bus, I plan on leaving the EPC parking lot at 6 p.m.

I need your reservation by Sunday, October 15, 2023.

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