

**EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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# Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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Eastminster, the mighty oak towered over the reeds. As the wind began, the reeds bent, bowing to the ground; while the wind continued the mighty oak stood unmoved. A much greater wind came, and the reeds again began bending and bowing to the ground. The mighty oak, unyielding and unbending, was met by the terrible wind and leveled completely. The storm past, the mighty oak who had appeared so strong was now shattered. The reeds who appeared so fragile were still standing just as before.

Aesop has all sorts of fables, doesn't he? Many more than I've read or could remember. The story of the oak and the reed is a favorite and magnifies a picture of surprising resilience.

As we journey into the season of advent, may your soul magnify the LORD, and may the resilience of faith learned, lived, and shared, surprise you with new contours of real hope, peace, joy, and love faithfully reaching out.

True resilience, as we see in Mary, the mother of Jesus, is not the result of continually trying harder, or being fiercely independent, and certainly not a shallow cheer. Rather, resilience is deepened in soulful songs of faith; resilience is very acquainted with disappointment, disaster, pain, and loss.

True resilience embodies a heart yielding to God, whose work of new creation we are wonderfully led to participate in and further anticipate.

It's a blessing to center on Christ together in worship, and such a great need to open up together the many gifts the good news has for us to share this advent.

I give thanks to God for all the ways you actively share and the many opportunities we can faithfully share together in Christ in this season.

May God guide us all in the way of Jesus and deepen our active participation and anticipation of Christ's sovereign love breaking loose.

Let us worship God!

Grace and courage, Ryan

## Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 10

We are excited to share nominees for the next class of ordained and installed congregational leaders.

All members please plan to attend. Let's give all thanks to God and continue to pray for God's guidance

## YOUTH 4-A-DAY FUNDRAISER

**December 9 from 1-4:30 PM**

**JOIN US!**

**Nerf Wars, Games, Hide & Seek, Capture the Flag, and more!**

### PRICING

**Ages 8-5th grade: \$5**

**Ages 18+: \$10**

**Youth in 6th—12th grade are FREE**



## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Please fill out the following information if you would like to receive our weekly newsletter and drop this form in the offering plate. The newsletter is always full of important information as well as highlighting some of our events such as dinners, parties, youth, etc.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your email address if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically.

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the church office if you have moved, changed your email address or phone number so that your file can be updated.



### Eastminster Staff

Ryan Bradney - Pastor

Mike Cantrell - Handyman

Donna Cooke - Parish Nurse

Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager

Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assist.

Alanna Keenan - Director of Music

Karly LaChance - Nursery Worker

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PLENTY OF ROOM IS STILL  
AVAILABLE FOR YOU  
TO JOIN US ON

Saturday, December 2,  
at 6 PM

for an Advent Celebration in  
Fellowship Hall.

Meat and drinks will be provided

We ask that you bring a side dish or a des-  
sert of cupcakes or cookies.

Contact the church at 812-476-3355 to say  
you will be there!



## OAK MEADOW COUNTRY CLUB

Eastminster Presbyterian Women are invited to  
attend Oak Meadow Country Club for lunch at  
12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 6th. Individ-  
uals will be responsible the cost of their lunch.

We request cookies so we can fill Christmas Tins  
for our Ladies-At-Home or residential care. Small  
cookie tins will be available. Reservations are re-  
quired, please contact Sue Shelton at 812-453-3607  
or the church at 812-476-3355.



### Liturgist Schedule

December 3 -- Donna Cooke  
December 10 - Chris Walsh



If you are interested in tak-  
ing a CPR class, please see  
Donna Cooke or sign up on  
the sheet located in the  
Gallery on the sign up  
board.. If we get enough

response we will put together another class.  
Thank you!



Wednesday, November 29th at 9 a.m. If you can  
help, please come out. Many hands make light the  
work!



Poinsettia orders are now being taken. The  
cost is \$15 each. Please fill out the form  
below and place in the offering plate on  
Sunday or mail to the church. Make  
checks payable to Eastminster with poin-  
settia marked in the memo field. The dead-  
line to order a poinsettia is Friday, Decem-  
ber 8.

All poinsettias will be placed in the Sanc-  
tuary on Sunday, December 24 for the  
Christmas Eve Service. After the Christ-  
mas Eve service you may take your poinset-  
tia with you.

Yes, I would like \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s)

In memory/honor of:

I will pick up my

poinsettia(s) \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



### Anniversaries

12/10 Ralph & Lannie Frasier  
12/23 Gary & Peggy Pennington  
12/24 Dan & Nancy Engelbrecht



### Birthdays

12/1 Marlene Huffaker  
12/3 Doris Bedillion  
Beth Bailey  
12/5 Meredith Garcia  
12/8 Elise Crecelius  
Jenny Kuhs  
12/9 Ryan Bradney  
12/12 Mary Lou Leedy  
12/21 Jane Biggs  
Stacie Schalasky  
12/23 Janet Zeiher  
12/28 Breanna Kuhs  
12/29 Mical Michel



### Sunday Schedule

9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 -10:30  
Fellowship  
10:30 Worship  
6:00 PM Youth Group

# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8 AM Men's Breakfast  6 PM Advent Dinner 
3	4	5 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	6 Noon - EPW	7 7 PM Choir	8	9 1-4 PM Youth 4 A Day Fundraiser
10	11	12 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	13 NO ASSEMBLY NIGHT	14 7 PM Choir	15	16
17	18	19 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	20 6:00 PM SESSION	21 7 PM Choir	22	23
24 10:30 AM Worship Service - Youth Led  7:00 PM Christmas Eve Wor- ship Service	25 OFFICE CLOSED  	26 9 AM Quilters	27	28	29	30
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