



# Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

Volume 39 Issue 44

December 17, 2023



Hey Eastminster! And a “hello to everyone” from Betty Richards! At 103 years young, Betty looks forward to when she can worship in the same place again with all of us here. It does a soul good to share and receive the greeting from dear Betty.

It continues to be a joy to share with you in this season of holy anticipation and active participation in the new creation in Christ continually breaking forth and surprising all.

## Christmas shows up in the dark

Trekking through Advent and exploring the hopeful waiting, weariness, and struggles in the Scriptures amidst days of shrinking daylight helps to bring home to our hearts the message of the good news of light breaking forth amidst darkness.

God’s light, the birth of Jesus Christ the Savior, the message of Christ breaks forth in the dark. Thanks be to God!

That light will be shining through the youth and Trey as they lead the Sunday morning service on Christmas Eve. May the light shine in us all as we delight in sharing in worship, seeing the story come alive in them, and journeying together. We all need the light. It’s a joy to be able to share in it together as we center on Christ.

Candlelight will accompany the evening worship as we celebrate Christ’s light breaking forth in the dark. May that transforming light of Christ shine upon you with blessings of peace, hope, and joy for you and your loved ones this season.

Let us worship God!

Grace and courage, Ryan

# MERRY Christmas

*The entire Eastminster staff  
would like to extend  
Happy Holiday wishes to  
you and your family  
as we celebrate  
the birth of the Christ  
Child.*

*Ryan B, Mary, Trey,  
Alanna, Ryan L  
Marian & Mike*

## Christmas Eve Services

Morning service is at 10:30am.

We will share the blessings of being youth-led, having moving music, and Trey Fulkerson preaching.

Candlelight Communion Service is at 7pm.

Communion will be by intinction. The service will feature some of our favorite Christmas hymns and a candlelit celebration of Christ’s birth.

We hope to see you and your family at both of these very meaningful services. Let us worship God!

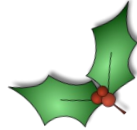




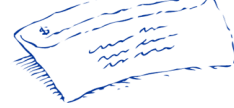
## Office Holiday Hours

Please call ahead if you have church business, as the hours for the week of Tuesday, December 26 - Tuesday, January 2nd will change daily.

The next issue of the Messenger will be published on January 9, 2024.



## Offering Envelopes



2024 Offering Envelopes and Boone calendars will be available this Sunday. See Corey Fritz to get yours.

## Ushers Needed



We need you! Please consider being one of our ushers.

It's a very easy job and we will show you what to do.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for December 17 - thru - January 28. We will be posting this information again for the following months. Please see Donna Cooke or call the office with questions. Thank you!

**December 24** (morning service) - Addison Kuhs  
7 PM - Mark Nicholson

**December 31** - Karla Horrell

**January 7** - Donna Cooke



## THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER

Please pray for the following:  
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. Cheri Kieffner, Kenny, Harold Post, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine.



Joy celebrating Micah Konkler's baptism and his joining the church, Sunday, December 10.

Welcome, Micah!



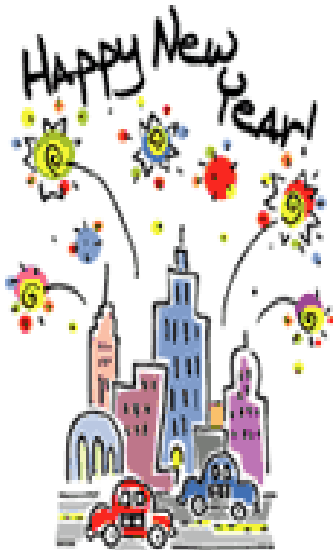
*O Come*  
Let Us  
Adore Him



# January 2024

## Birthdays

1/1 Carolyn Tying  
 1/2 Patricia Garcia  
     Jane Williams  
 1/5 Jacob Webb  
 1/6 James Shelton  
 1/8 Virginia Redden  
 1/10 Brian Bailey  
 1/11 Martha Murphy  
 1/13 Jocelyn Kuhs  
     Suzanne Lokey  
 1/15 Ralph Frasier  
 1/17 Sabrina Holden  
 1/19 Carol Oglesby  
 1/24 Barb Kuykendall  
 1/27 Ava Kuhs  
 1/28 Tyler Kuhs



## Sunday Schedule

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	3 Noon - EPW  6 PM Deacons	4 7 PM Choir	5	6 8 AM Men's Breakfast  
7	8	9 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study  7 PM Movie Night	10 6 PM Assembly Night	11 7 PM Choir	12	13
14	15	16 9 AM Quilters  6:15 Ladies' Night Out  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	17	18 7 PM Choir	19	20
21	22	23 9 AM Quilters  Noon - Book Club  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	24 8 PM Session	25 7 PM Choir	26	27
28	29	30 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	31			

**EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**5501 Washington Avenue**  
**Evansville, IN 47715**

❄️ ❄️ ❄️  
**NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
*Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year*  
❄️ ❄️

**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  
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper  
Ryan Luttrull - Organist

**Church Communication Lines**

Phone#: 476-3355/Fax: 476-8755  
Web: eastminsterchurch.com  
Email: epc5501@gmail.com  
Sound Engineer: Ron Harper  
Videographer: Jack Garcia  
Social Media Admin: Tony McClees  
tmcclrees@illinois.edu  
  
Prayer Chain Captain: Leslie Webb or at  
epcprayers@gmail.com