



# Eastminster Messenger

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*Advent comes to us in the grey, bleak days of December when things get darker and darker and colder and shorter. It comes to us when, with the tinny, glitzy surroundings of our material pleasures and prosperities, we know in our inner heart of hearts that all that glitters is not gold.*

*It is into such a season as this, that we Christians are invited to hope in the face of hopelessness.*

*Advent is the season of hope: that the darkness will not cover the light, that the cold will not overwhelm the warmth, that hatred will not prevail over love, and that repression will not triumph over freedom. --Peter J. Gomes*

Eastminster, I am enjoying sharing this season of hope with you! Saturday's dinner was a wonderful way to begin the season together. Great thanks to CE and to everyone who put so much love into every part of the evening celebration.

I'm so thankful for the life you share in worship. The music continues to be excellent with the outstanding choir and incredible work of Alanna Keenan and Ryan Luttrull.

There is more good things to share. The Outreach Committee is generously supporting a much-needed upgrade of a new laptop, camera, and tripod for the online worship experiences. Continued thanks to Trey, the youth and young adult tech assistants, and Outreach's support for this endeavor. The setup of the new equipment will soon be underway.

I give thanks that even more folks will be able to join and enjoy worshiping God with you, especially in this season as we consider how the hope of Christ leads the weary to go forward with true rejoicing.

May your week be graced with expressions of wonderful hope, and may God lead us all in the way of Christ, and to share blessings that lead God and neighbor to rejoice.

Let us worship God!

Grace, courage, and Advent hope,  
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.



## Poinsettias



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 poinsettia marked in the memo field. The deadline to order a poinsettia is Friday, December 8.

All poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 24 for the Christmas Eve Service. After the Christmas Eve service you may take your poinsettia 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you, Eastminster! The Stewardship Committee gives our whole-hearted thanks for the many ways you build up one another for impactful service in Christ. The love and gifts in action continue to be incredibly generous. Thank you to all who have completed their pledge cards. 39 repeat pledges and 5 new pledges have been received! Great blessings!!

If you haven't pledged yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider and complete one soon. The Stewardship Committee is prayerfully preparing the budget for 2024 and your pledges are a crucial part of the continued excellence of music, impactful ministry with children and youth, growing outreach with our neighbors, and worshipping God across the generations to the glory of God.

Thank you for the generosity of love you put in action in a variety of ways!

We look forward to what God will do in 2024!



If you are interested in taking 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!



## 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.



## Liturgist Schedule

December 10 - Chris Walsh

December 17 - Brian Bailey



What a wonderful blessing that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year!

We will have two distinct and meaningful worship services for you to join.

Morning service at 10:30am, that 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, will share the blessings of being youth-led, having moving music and Trey Fulkerson preaching.

Later that evening, the Christmas Eve 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!



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