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# Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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**FROM THE PASTOR** *“Impatient people are like bees they bring about their own demise by stinging others” —George Eliot*

The pace of change, the stress, demands and burdens today, who hasn't stung and been stung from impatience?

Strange as it may sound, I wonder if bees are hardly a pest in the season of Lent, but rather a wise friend to assist in bearing fruit that can bring much needed beauty, unity, and life to you, and the world.

“The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others” —St. John Chrysostom, in a sermon many years ago

Bees are truly incredible, aren't they? Beauty of flowers and blooms, sweet honey and so much food. Maybe our Lenten practice invites us to share in not a ruthless removal of all that first appears to be a pest.

How might we describe the work of bees? Wonderful collaboration comes to mind.

How about you?

What hidden beauty of God in you, in your neighborhood, in the church, and in the world can you notice and celebrate?

What often unsung, thankless, yet vital work to the kingdom of God is Jesus calling you to see as essential to blessing your life and the lives of so many others?

We are called to bear fruit, and how beautiful it is to see good fruit bearing forth in your growing life of faith in Christ.

How wondrous is the grace of Jesus that all of us who carry such a sting, can be actively transformed to further share the beauty and unity of Christ, and the flourishing of the world to the glory of God.

In Christ, you are a new creation. This opportune season of Lent, let's practice.

Let's practice moments of slowing down and celebrating the hidden beauty.

Let's deepen that spirit of collaborative work together in Christ with grace amidst the stings. Beauty, unity, and flourishing in Christ.

Let us bear good fruit. Let us worship God!

Grace and courage,  
Ryan

## Conversations on Faith & Membership Starting This Sunday

Newly visiting Eastminster or interested in learning more about faith and membership with the church?

We're excited to share upcoming conversations on the following Sundays - March 3, 10, and 17 at 9am in the Parlor. The Parlor is just around the corner from Fellowship Hall.

This 3 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!



### Eastminster Staff

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# Holy Week at Eastminster

## Palm Sunday - March 24



We'll have our regular 10:30 service with our children's palm processional at 10:30 and The Great Egg Caper following worship that day.

## Maundy Thursday - March 28 at 7:00 p.m.



As always, this will be a very meaningful experience of worship. We will share Holy Communion by intinction and hear inspiring anthems from our choir.

## Maundy Thursday - Good Friday Prayer Vigil



Every year for more than two decades we have provided the opportunity to experience a meaningful and powerful hour in the sanctuary between the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday service and 3:00

PM on Good Friday. Sign up for an hour during that period and we'll have appropriate music and books available along with our traditional Stations of the Cross arrangement.



## Easter Sunday - March 31

7:30 AM - Sunrise Service in The Gallery

8:30 AM - Sunrise Breakfast

9:00 - Sunday School

10:30 - Worship

# The Great Egg Caper



Palm Sunday -after worship Service.. Please donate unfilled plastic eggs and/or candy to go into the

eggs. Donation baskets will be in the narthex.



## STACKING PANCAKES AND THE WONDERFUL NEW ROOF



Great thanks to Ken Copp, Jim Gulick, and Rick Zeiher for putting together a gratitude breakfast for the roofers and maintenance committee.

Thirteen roofers and nearly all of the maintenance committee enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes, bacon, orange juice, and hot coffee. The breakfast was delicious.

The new roof is a blessing and is nearing completion.

How good it will be to share in many more blessings under a new roof and out in the world under God's care.

Continue building up one another and this community in Christ's love!



Eastminster Presbyterian Women will meet for lunch at noon on Wednesday, March 6.

Our speaker will be Christopher Izzi, our own Martha Murphy's grandson. He will speak on home healthcare options.

### Please pray for the following individuals:

Jane Williams, Walt Lowe, Ann Meyers, Dave & Barbara Moran, Betty Sue Foster, Tatum Turpin, Sandra Hess, Linda Coleman, Chris, Cheri Kieffner, Lisa Russell, Carolyn Stitt, Melissa McGuire, Maria Keller, Sharon Glover, and Tim Turpin.



If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or call the church office.



### BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Sarah Karges
- 3/3 Isaac Holden
- 3/4 Walt Lowe  
Bob Parsons
- 3/9 Grace Crecelius
- 3/13 Dorothy Mans
- 3/15 Steve Fritz
- 3/16 Vickie Rauch
- 3/28 Levi Holden  
Kirsten Schofstall
- 3/29 Isabella Kuhs



### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8 AM Men's Breakfast
3 5 PM Confirmation Class	4	5 9 AM Quilters 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Movie Night	6	7 7 PM Choir	8	9
10 5 PM Confirmation Class	11	12 9 AM Quilters 6:15 Ladies' Night Out 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	13 6 PM Assembly Night	14 7 PM Choir	15	16
17 5 PM Confirmation Class	18	19 9 AM Quilters 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	20	21 11 AM Deacon Service Mtg. 7 PM Choir	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 5 PM Confirmation Class	25	26 9 AM Quilters Noon - Book Club 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	27 6 PM Session	28 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service Prayer Vigil - 8 PM - 3 PM	29	30
31 EASTER! 7:30 AM Sunrise Service & Breakfast						