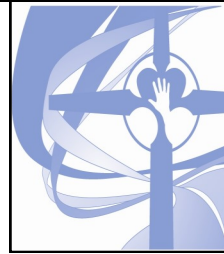


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New Roof Is Underway!

We are very excited that work has begun on an entirely new roof. The initial safety prep was completed last week, and today the old roof is beginning to be cleared to pave the way for the new one. How good it will be to see and share in many more blessings under a new roof and out in the world under God's care. With God's help, we look forward to supporting this wonderful work and continuing to build up one another and this community in Christ's love.



More updates very soon on how we can join together in the effort. Continue building up one another as you are doing!



This is the Last week!

A temporary church directory is located in the Gallery - in a purple binder. Please check your personal information such as: address, phone, family members, etc. Please make any corrections to this info as needed. We are asking that every person initial their profile even if no change is made. We are also asking that if you have adult children that no longer need to be listed to please note that as well. Thank you.

DON'T FORGET

Come One, Come All

Join us on February 11
for a
**Super Bowl themed
MISSION LUNCHEON
at 11:30 AM**

We are providing the main dishes and drinks. We ask that you bring a dip, dessert or a side. For more info see Donna Cooke. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call the office to let us know you plan to attend.



Due to the construction of the roof, please be mindful of your step and your surroundings. The roofers have done an excellent job of containing the debris but not everything may be caught.

**Assembly Night will be
on Wednesday, February 21st
at 6 p.m.**



Eastminster Staff

Ryan Bradney - Pastor
Mike Cantrell - Handyman
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Quilting Notes



The quilters ended their year by making donations of quilts to the Linda White Hospice and to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Deaconess Crosspoint. Thanks to Brian Bailey for his suggestion of the Hospice and for his help in delivering the quilts, and to Alice Hoover, shown working in the quilting room, for her suggestion of the NIC Unit. Alice volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House at Crosspoint where many parents of infants in the NIC unit stay and she graciously delivered those quilts.

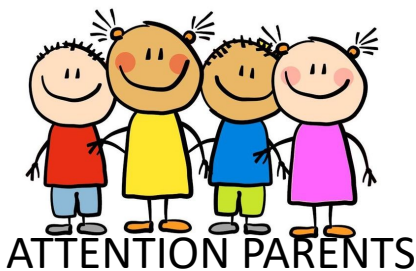


Please pray for the following individuals:



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.

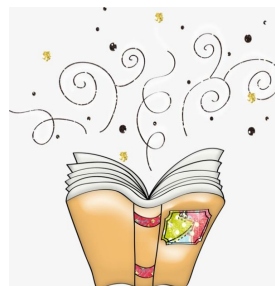
If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or call the church office.



On Friday, February 16, from 5-8 PM the youth will be hosting babysitting for ages 3-11. All proceeds from this event will go toward camp for this summer. Come and drop your kiddos off and enjoy some quiet time, date night, or running errands all while supporting a great cause!

Ladies' join us for two fun recurring events!

Every second Tuesday of the month the ladies go to Ladies' Night Out at 6:15 p.m. There is a different location each month with that being announced at the time of the upcoming one or you can contact Karla Horrell at 812-476-5641 to find out more information or to make your reservation.



Every fourth Tuesday of the month the ladies have EPC Book Club. This is a great time of food, fun and fellowship. The book is always discussed at noon at the Sports Den on Weinbach Avenue. You may contact Karla Horrell at the above number to find out more information.



Did you know Eastminster has a basement? Oh, you say. Is it just like home -- where all those things go that you don't want to get rid of but also don't want to deal with immediately? Or maybe it's dark and musty so you never go down there? Or maybe it's home to your teenager now so you're afraid to go down there? No. None of those things. It's actually a nice area with windows facing the courtyard to give it natural light and, thanks to our housekeepers, clean and (relatively) uncluttered.

EPC's basement is located in only one area of the church. Having been part of the second addition to our building (1954-1956), it is beneath the kitchen and Parlor wing back to the East entry door where the stairs are located.

At the bottom of the stairs, just like home, one area houses the heating and air units that serve that area of the building, much of Totten Hall, and Fellowship Hall. The system is old, but still functioning due to frequent visits by the HVAC repairmen! A well-stocked tool room (locked) is also located there. Then the entry leads into a large open room.

We have no history of what this area looked like in the beginning but a note found in an old document states that in 1958, two couples from the congregation "...paid to have the basement ... remodeled so that it could be used as a recreation room and a boy scout room." Apparently, this is when Children's-style bathrooms were added down the right side of the room and an area at the back was partitioned off as a storage area. Clearly it continued to be a recreation area for many years as there is a large and still very colorful children's mural painted on the front wall, signed and dated 1993.

The large room is still set up with folding tables (the old, heavy type that were shuffled downstairs when replaced by new, lighter ones) as it's last purposeful use was years ago for the annual EPW rummage sale when every table would be brimming with enticing available items. As the rummage sale grew, it became clear that a larger area was needed, but also it was recognized that the stairs posed a safety hazard for shoppers.

The smaller back room continues to be used as a storage area, but the partially used paint buckets, building materials, supplies, old dishes from the kitchen, -- and yes, some of those things that you don't know what to do with but also don't want to think about -- stacks of movie reels that were once Sunday School teaching aids, are stored in large cabinets along the back wall. In sight are things that need to be more accessible such as table cloths for Fellowship Hall and the large, free-standing candle holders that are used at weddings. Right now, taking up space, is a large, heavy-duty sewing machine that the quilters are working to relocate.

Also in this room is an emergency exit, although it has not been used as such for many years. You may have noticed and wondered about the railing and stairs that are still located outside along the East wall toward the front of the building. This stairwell has caused problems with water seepage over the years and Unfortunately a few years ago following a very heavy downpour it flooded and caused quite a bit of damage. Although repairs were made to prevent that happening again, it remains a trouble spot.

Oh! And there's one more area that probably even those who have reason to visit the basement haven't seen, a small cubbyhole off the main room towards the courtyard. Seems to me I overheard a story once about the youth making use of that. Hmm?