



# Eastminster Messenger

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## FROM THE PASTOR

There is a blessing that I would like to share with you. Have you heard of these words from Henri Frederick Amiel?

*“Life is short, and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. Oh, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.”*

Learning more about Amiel’s story only deepens the impact of the blessing shared. Sadly, Amiel was orphaned at a young age. He was undoubtedly vulnerable to looking at life with despair. Yet by grace, Amiel adopted, learned, lived, and shared a whole-hearted approach to life.

What might it look like to approach the day with that perspective?

What joys, even the most simple, might we more openly share?

What grudges might become unburdened from our minds as we truly practice the challenge and sheer gift of forgiveness?

What opportunities for kindness that we’ve left undone will become a priority to complete?

Thanks be to God for the people in our lives that help hold us accountable and encourage us onward for the commitments we need to honor, and even more so, thanks be to God for the grace and rhythm of rest and renewal we can learn and receive in Christ.

May this continued journey of Lent be a fruitful season for your life of faith. May the Spirit enliven you each day with holy purpose, abundant joy, grace, kindness and love to be generously received and shared.

Let us worship God!

Grace and courage, Ryan

### 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, Ken Holder, 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.



**Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour this weekend.**



### Hello!!!

A big thank you to the Memorial Committee for purchasing a new phone system for the church.

The old system had been in place since 1992 and was very much out of date. It wasn’t even equipped with caller i.d. and could no longer keep up with the new internet upgrades.

Please do not be intimidated when you call in, as the new system has a very nice gentleman informing you that you’ve called the church. You will then hear music until the phone is answered. If no one does answer you will be directed to leave a voicemail.

# 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

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.



# Loaves and Fishes

## Who is invited to Loaves & Fishes?

Everyone is invited to Loaves & Fishes.

## What is Loaves & Fishes?

Loaves and Fishes is a dinner group with time for fellowship.

## When & Where is Loaves & Fishes?

Usually there are 8 individuals in a group, couples & singles will be joined to make 8 total in the group. Once groups have been formed, information will be provided to all group members such as names, phone numbers, & e-mails. The first "hosts" will be asked to call or e-mail members in their group to set a date, time, & place that works for everyone for the first meal along with requests for allergies (food or pet). Some may have the group of 8 join together to put a meal together in their home, while others may choose to have the group meet for dinner at a restaurant, it's completely up to you.

At the first meal, someone will agree to be the second host and follow this same procedure. A different member will host the group each month.

## Why Join Loaves & Fishes?

The purpose of Loaves & Fishes is to share a meal and spend an evening getting to better know others we worship with in our church. There is no agenda, just an evening of fellowship and food. Fun! Food!! Fellowship!!!

## How do I Join Loaves & Fishes?

If you would like to be part of a group please contact Karla Horrell by March 24, 2024

by e-mail at [kczorrell@aol.com](mailto:kczorrell@aol.com)  
or by phone at 812-476-5641.

Groups will be formed and notified by April 21, 2024.



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