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"But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31)

Uplifting. When you think of that word **PASTOR** "uplifting" what comes to mind for you?

Maybe we think of certain movies, musicians, or books. If we keep reflecting, maybe it's moments in history or in your own story that spring up.

Hopefully we think of life in Christ, of passages of Scriptures, and truly worshiping and serving God. Meditating on the "uplifting" might lead to reflecting not on a "what," but a "who" in giving thanks for the uplifting people who have and who are still showing you life in that spirit truly, fully lived.

To delve and to live deeper in the uplifting is an incredible need and calling for us today. This Sunday in worship, we'll explore Revelation 1:9-20, and you may be surprised at how encouraging this book was and still is today.

May the Spirit uplift you this week through stories, relationships, and support. And, may we all embrace the opportunities to share the uplift that someone needs today. The Spirit can and will guide those efforts. Excited to share in this journey, our growing understanding, and strength for living in faith with you.

Let us worship God!

Grace and courage,

Ryan

#### SENDOFF FOR CAMPERS THIS SUNDAY AT 10AM

Let's give the many campers embarking for a formative and fun week at Camp PYOCA, a blessed sendoff. We pray that the experiences, learning, & adventures shared that week in that place deepen their faith, love, and journey in Christ. See you in the parking lot Sunday at 10!



# Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser - 2024









A big, wonderful Thank You to all who helped support the Youth Pancake Fundraiser. This fundraiser will help defer camp costs for this year. The Eastminster Congregation is AWESOME!

## **EPW PICNIC**

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Wednesday, June 5, at Noon All women of the church are invited Please bring a covered side dish to share!



This year Vacation Bible School will be held on Monday, July 8 and Tuesday, July 9 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Registration will begin soon so be sure to sign up and bring a friend.

This year we are opening up VBS to the community so helpers are desperately needed, we are in need of 8 volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering, please see Janet Zeiher or contact the church office to find out how you can help.



Ladies' Night Out at Bar Louie Tuesday, June 11 at 6:15 PM Contact Karla Horrell or the church to say you'll be attending!



A big thank you to everyone who participated in the rummage sale, whether you came to help, donated items, or shopped. The sale was successful, and a first donation from the proceeds has already been made -to help with the tuition at Camp Pyoca -- with additional donations to be made as occasions arise. But there is one last bit of business: Did you donate a quilt top to the sale? If so, would you please contact Patsy Sproatt? It is a very unique item and the buyer is very interested in learning more about it.





This Friday, June 7th at 6:00 PM.

#### **SUMMER MISSION TRIP THIS JULY!!!**

Excited to embark to Eastern Kentucky for this summer's mission trip.

The week of July 14 - July 19 in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, we'll be staying at the beautiful Camp Burnamwood in their nice 3 story lodge. Mission work in the neighboring towns, great fellowship at camp, and fun outings in the area.

We are now required to turn in names of those who will be going. If you are planning on attending, please fill out the sign up sheet in the Narthex or see Donna Cooke to get registered. If you are unable to come up with the deposit or cost of the trip, scholarships are available!

Thank you all for any prayers and support for the mission God gives.

#### GOOD NEWS UPDATE...NOMINEES

We are excited to share that nominees have been lifted up and are being contacted about serving on the capital campaign. If you are interested in serving or would like to nominate someone, please contact Pastor Ryan. We look forward to a brief congregational meeting this summer to receive nominees for vote, and to prayerfully launch this wonderful project. With all things, continue in prayer and in love. More soon!

Please pray for the following individuals:

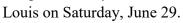


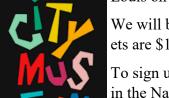
Jane Williams, Walt Lowe, Ann Meyers, Barbara Moran, Betty Sue Foster, Tatum Turpin, Sandra Hess, Carolyn Stitt, Melissa McGuire, Marilyn Ellsperman, Beth Bailey, Sharon Glover, Keith Adcock, Maria Keller,

Savannah Murphy and Dan Keenan.

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.

We are planning a trip to the City Museum in St.





We will be taking the bus. Tickets are \$14.50 for the group rate.

To sign up, please see the display in the Narthex or contact the church office.

This trip will be LOADED with FUN!

# Starfish and back to School!

School has just let out for the summer and Starfish is already looking ahead to the 2024-2025 school year!

Last summer we had an amazing turn-out for our back to school drive. So many students and teachers came and were supplied with dozens of back to school items. We could not have done it without the support of our entire church family.

The Starfish group is going to be purchasing school supplies beginning June 7th and continuing thru Sunday, August 4th.

August 4th will be the Blessing of the Backpacks and students and teachers will then be able to come to Fel- Highlighters lowship Hall and get all the school supplies that they might need.

Help us bridge the gap between students & teachers and the cost of their supply needs. Please use the School Supply list across from this article to purchase items. Any item and the amount you want to supply is entirely up to you. Every item counts and is vital!

# On Sunday, August 4, A Service of Blessing for Schools, Workers & Students

On Sunday, August 4, during worship, we will be asking God's blessing on and protection for all students, teachers, teacher's aides, administrators and other workers with our schools.

Children are invited to bring their backpacks for this service and to place them around the Communion table. A backpack is a wonderful representation of a student's life and what is to take place during the coming year. By having our entire church take part in lifting children and workers up to God we are connecting Sunday and God's presence to the rest of the

Please extend a special invitation to all children (why not invite your neighbors?), educators and school personnel to attend this service on Sunday, August 4, as we ask God's blessing upon them as they begin a new year of learning and teaching.

# School Supply List

Pencils

Pencil boxes

Cravons

Colored pencils

Washable markers

Blunt tipped scissors

**Regular scissors** 

Glue sticks

**Erasers** 

**Rulers** 

Post-its

Index cards

Subject dividers

**Folders** 

Three ring binders

Wide ruled notepaper (loose leaf)

Spiral notebooks (wide ruled/college ruled)

Calculator







