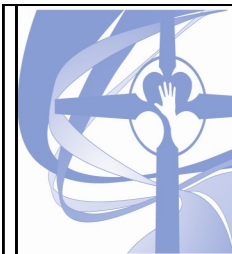


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Who knew that discarded wood could be so valuable? Antonio Stradivari is said to have transformed wood cast aside in a harbor for the extraordinary violins that are cherished for their beauty of play and craftsmanship. While I am not sure that story of Stradivari crafting his masterpieces from sea-drenched shipyard wood is factual, maybe we can still find the heart of the story to be true.

Jesus may have left full-time work as master craftsman, but his care for you, for the life we are not always sure what to make of, and all that we are, in fact, are raw materials of which He has the transformational power to bring forth beauty, possibility, and glory.

We hear of this in the beatitudes in Matthew and Luke... the transformational value He places on the lives of those who are struggling, proclaiming a profound depth of love and blessing God creates.

Maybe the more we look at Jesus, his life, his cross and resurrection, and mission today, we find this transformational craftsmanship of what's so often cast aside and undervalued. May we trust Him, the master craftsman to go to work! "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."—Desmond Tutu

May the series on *the Gospel according to Luke* and all shared in worship inspire, deepen your faith, and center you on God and the transformative power of the gospel moving through you and into the world.

Sunday November 24 Trey Fulkerson preaching
 Sunday December 1 (first Sunday of Advent) Luke 12:13-34
 Sunday December 8 Luke 7:36-50

Let us follow Jesus. Let us worship God!

Grace and courage, Ryan



Thank you to all my Eastminster family for the prayers, cards, and good wishes during my surgeries, continuing recovery, and rehabilitation. I am finally to the point that I can walk with the physical therapists!

I am so blessed to have a great surgeon, therapists, and a great church family.

Sincerely,
 Mical Michel



Save the Date!

An Advent Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 8th immediately following worship. More information will be provided prior to the luncheon, so be watching your newsletter and bulletin!



BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, December 12th
12 to 6 PM



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Over 20 youth came out this past Sunday for Youth Group. A thoughtful lesson was had and a fun game afterward. Thank you Trey and Annie for always doing a wonderful job with our kids.

Thanksgiving Processional

This Sunday, November 24, our children will process into the sanctuary during our first hymn and place food items on the communion table in celebration of Thanksgiving.

We invite you to participate by providing canned goods and other non-perishable food items for this. All food will then go to our Starfish Ministry food pantry.

SO MANY BLESSINGS

This Sunday's message will be:

"Everything Is Spiritual"

Scripture Reading:
Numbers 11:1-14
With Trey Fulkerson preaching

Please pray for the following individuals:

Anne Meyers, Barbara Moran, Beth Bailey, Ron Sproatt, Pam Doerter, Jo Chaddock, Judy Dahl, Sarah & Ensley, Shanice Johnson, Mical Michel, Jim Shelton, Peggy Pennington, Pam Coulter, Kim Hale, and Linda Coleman.

If you have a prayer request or a removal, please call the church office at 812-476-3355.

Game Night will be held on Friday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Light snacks are provided.

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 Sunday, December 8.

All poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, 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: _____

Email: _____

Do you have any unwanted, gently used baby clothing that you no longer need? If so, please consider donating to the church. We have a member who works with low income parents who could use some baby items. We are taking ages infant - 2 years.



- #### Anniversaries
- 12/10 Ralph & Lannie Frasier
 - 12/23 Gary & Peggy Pennington
 - 12/24 Dan & Nancy Engelbrecht
- #### Birthdays
- 12/1 Marlene Huffaker
 - 12/3 Doris Bedillion
Beth Bailey
 - 12/5 Meredith Garcia
 - 12/8 Elise Crecelius
Jenny Kuhs
 - 12/9 Ryan Bradney
 - 12/12 Mary Lou Leedy
 - 12/21 Jane Biggs
Stacie Schalasky
 - 12/23 Janet Zeiher
 - 12/28 Breanna Kuhs
 - 12/29 Mical Michel



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

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 9 AM Quilters 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	4 Noon - EPW	5 3:30 PM Deacons 7 PM Choir	6 6PM Movie Night 6:30PM Madrigal Feaste @ USI	7 8 AM Men's Breakfast
8 11:30 AM Advent Luncheon 	9	10 9 AM Quilters 6:15 PM Ladies' Night Out 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	11 6 PM Assembly Night	12 11 - 7 PM Blood Drive 7 PM Choir	13	14
15	16	17 9 AM Quilters 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	18	19 7 PM Choir	20	21
22	23	24 7 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	25 Christmas Day	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29	30	31 Office Closed				