

**EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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# Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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## FROM THE PASTOR

The Advent celebration, Christmas gift giving for our angel tree neighbors, and caroling with our friends at home all shared truly heartfelt expressions of Christ's birth bringing hope and love. It was a blessing to see so many able to join in these events shared with warmth and soul.

*"When God loves you, what can be better than that?"* —Aretha Franklin

May each service in this season bless you deeply in the amazing grace and living hope of God in our midst.

Sunday December 22

Luke 1:39-55

Tuesday December 24 at 7pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Sunday December 29

Trey Fulkerson, preaching

Praying blessings of God's unsurpassable love upon your soul and in your experiences of the celebration Christ's birth builds for a hurting world.

Grace and courage, Ryan



## MERRY Christmas

*The entire Eastminster staff would like to extend Happy Holiday wishes to you and your family as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.*

*Ryan B, Mary, Trey, Alanna, Ryan L, Marian, Mike & Addison*



### Office Holiday Hours

Please call ahead if you have church business, as the hours for the week of Tuesday, December 26 - Tuesday, January 2 will change daily.

The next print issue of the Messenger will be published on January 7, 2025.



### Eastminster Staff

Ryan Bradney - Pastor

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## Who Is Santa Clause?



Santa Claus is anyone who loves another and seeks to make them happy; who gives himself by thought or word or deed in every gift that he bestows; who shares his joys with those who are sad; whose hand is never closed against the needy; whose arm is ever outstretched to aid the weak; whose sympathy is quick and genuine in time of trouble; who recognizes a comrade and brother in every man he meets upon life's common road; who lives his life throughout the entire year in the Christmas Spirit.

-Edwin Osgood Grover, 1912

**\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\***

### **DINNER & BENEFIT CONCERT**

at Eastminster on Saturday, January 18, 2025  
3-5 p.m.

Everyone is Invited for a wonderful time benefiting First Ebenezer Baptist Church and their Outreach Ministry. First Ebenezer Baptist is pastored by longtime friend of Eastminster, the Rev. Veltri Taylor! You won't want to miss this special event. Ticket information will be made available soon.



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On Sunday, December 15th a group of Eastminster Choir members, congregation members and youth went caroling to many of our Friends-at-Home. A great time was had by all!

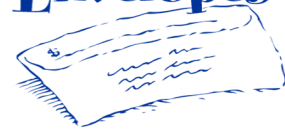
*thank you*

*I would like everyone to know how uplifting it was to have a visit from the Christmas Carolers on Sunday. What a joy to see the room full of smiling faces, to get a handmade card and ornament from the youth and peppermints too!*

Sincerely,  
Ron Sproatt



## Offering Envelopes



2025 Offering Envelopes will be available this Sunday.  
See Corey Fritz to get yours.



## Birthdays

- 1/1 Carolyn Tyring  
Ruth Lankford
- 1/2 Patricia Garcia  
Jane Williams
- 1/5 Jacob Webb
- 1/6 James Shelton
- 1/8 Virginia Redden
- 1/10 Brian Bailey
- 1/11 Martha Murphy
- 1/13 Jocelyn Kuhs  
Suzanne Lokey
- 1/15 Ralph Frasier
- 1/17 Sabrina Holden
- 1/19 Carol Oglesby
- 1/24 Barb Kuykendall
- 1/27 Ava Kuhs
- 1/28 Tyler Kuhs



## Sunday Schedule

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

# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed	2 Time TBA Deacons  7 PM Choir	3	4 8 AM Men's Breakfast
5	6	7 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	8  6 PM Assembly Night	9  7 PM Choir	10	11
12	13	14 9 AM Quilters  6:15 PM Ladies' Night Out  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	15	16  7 PM Choir	17	18 Dinner & Benefit Concert 3-5 PM
19	20 Martin Luther King Day  Office Closed	21 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	22  6 PM Session	23  7 PM Choir	24	25
26	27	28 9 AM Quilters  Noon - Book Club  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	29	30  7 PM Choir	31	