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FROM THE PASTOR

Continuing in the hopeful expectation of Advent and God's next acts of new creation, we find ourselves invited to share around tables together in warm fellowship at the Sunday December 8th Advent Luncheon. A beautiful time!

Preacher Sharron R. Blezard's words hit home, *"Serving God and neighbor is more like a community potluck than a gourmet meal in the finest restaurant. It's less about perfection and more about improvisation. It's less about form and more about function. It's less about looks and much, much more about love. It has something to do with rubbing elbows with strangers and kin alike; after all, both can present challenges. Instead of a guest list carefully crafted to reflect our wishes and wiles, Jesus crafts a "grace list" that is an open invitation to the party. The point is this: At Jesus' banquet table there is room for everyone. Aunt Mabel's lime Jello salad can exist peacefully with vegan Valerie's fresh green bean vinaigrette. Homemade mac and cheese can sit side-by-side with a bag of store-bought potato chips. Hamburgers and tamales and sno-cones co-exist and complement one another in delightful ways. When everyone brings his or her best offering, when we all show up, the banquet table [fills up] with the goodness of God"*

Sunday December 8 Luke 7:36-50
Sunday December 15 Luke 14:7-24

Let us worship God!
Grace and courage, Ryan



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: _____

CANCELED
Blood Drive



Advent Luncheon

You are invited to join us on Sunday, December 8, immediately following worship for our Advent Luncheon. Please use the Advent sign up sheet to reserve your spot. We will be having Jimmy John's sandwiches and dessert. If you would like, you may bring a side dish but it is not required.

This is a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Season and to share it with your church family!



*Christmas Eve
Candle Light
Communion Service
December 24
at 7:00 p.m.*

Thank you!

A big thank you to Chris Walsh, Chris Kuhs, Alex Kuhs, Corey Fritz and Rick Zeiher for coming out on Friday, November 29th (day after Thanks Giving) and removing the broken tree limb that had fallen during our last wind storm. These guys went above and beyond to clear and clean up the lot. Thanks again!





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