



# Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Clover, one of our two husky, Aussie, mutt mix rescue pups from far Eastern Kentucky is doing her best to enjoy playing indoors. Her deep love for the cold, for eating chunks of frozen snow, for rolling romping around this wintry mix, all surpass the tolerance I have for frigid wind chills. On the coldest and harshest days, I do my best to layer up and step outside into another season in which the dogs find so much life and joy.



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*"In the dark of the moon,  
in flying snow,*

*in the dead of winter,*

*..the world in danger,*

*I walk the rocky hillside, sowing clover" ---Wendell Berry,  
poem written in 1968.*

For centuries, clover has been sown to bring tired soil back to life.

As so many of us not named Clover are ready for winter to pass, I pray the Spirit strengthens you in heart and soul in the renewing, resting and rising ways God makes possible, a living faith sowing clover in the dead of winter.

Sunday January 19

1 Corinthians 16:5-13

### BLESSINGS FOR MARY AND PRAYERS FOR THE TRANSITION

It truly has been an honor to work alongside Mary. She has such a big heart for God, for the congregation and for the community. How can we put into words the gratitude we feel? Let us all have a wonderful celebration with the congregation for her!

Let's give thanks to Mary for 34 wonderful years of service in the office, and our blessings to her in her new adventure.

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I am so thankful that Mary's not going far and that we'll all be able to share in worship and ministry together. We will deeply miss her heartfelt service in the office. American Senior Communities will be blessed!

Your prayers lifted for the needs and discernment in this time of transition are deeply appreciated.

I am so thankful for the wonderful foundation in Christ, the incredible service of Mary to prepare us well for the future, and for the many who are stepping up in this time of transition.

This is a season of celebrations amidst changes and challenges, all the while God alive and moving in our midst. Thank you for continuing to share in Christ together! Grace and courage, Ryan

*Dear Eastminster Family,*

*After 34 years, much prayer, and conversation with my family, I have decided to leave my position at EPC. I have been offered and have accepted a new position at American Senior Communities as a Payroll Benefits Coordinator. This job will bring new opportunities that will challenge me and allow me to grow. I am looking forward to this brand-new adventure!*

*I have loved working and doing many different jobs within the church, but most of all I have loved working for and with you these many years. I thank each and every one of you for all of your support, love and care given to me and my family over these thirty four years.*

*Remember, this is not good bye, but more of, "I'll see you on Sunday."*

*With gratitude,*

*Mary*



## Celebrate Mary!

Join us after worship this Sunday, January 19, in the Gallery for a reception thanking Mary Fulkerson for her 34 years of dedicated service to Eastminster and wishing her well as she moves into a new chapter of her life.



All prayer concerns will now need to be called in to Marian LaChance at 812-453-6583.



Assembly Night is this Wednesday, January 15, at 6 PM.

Deacons Meet & Greet will be this Thursday, January 16, from 4 to 6 PM.

Session will meet Wednesday, January 22, at 6 PM.

Book Club will meet at noon on Tuesday, January 28.



**Blood Drive**  
**Thursday,**  
**January 30**  
**Noon - 6 PM**

The dinner on January 18 benefitting First Ebenezer Baptist Church and their Outreach Ministry has been postponed.

More info will be provided at a later date.

Sympathy is extended to Suzette Fritz and family in the death of Suzette's brother-in-law.



*With Deepest Sympathy*

Karla Harper and family send love and appreciation to everyone at Eastminster who showed them support and kindness after the death of Ron last month.



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