



# Eastminster Messenger

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FROM THE



PASTOR

Just simply hearing their names and soulful stories start spilling out of you, stories of people who, as *the letter to Galatians* says, “live by the Spirit” (Gal 5:16) and whose Spirit-generated lives are known by “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control”.

I am blessed to hear these stories from you regularly! People who have graced your life, whose imperfect lives, slowly yet steadily guided by the Spirit have made such a wonderful impact on your own life. Hearing their names can be akin to reading a few words of a hymn that lead the tune to start soaring in you: “We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they’ll know...”

Let’s continue in the bold adventure of learning to live by the Spirit and together in this fresh exploration of the letter to the Galatians.

We are excited to begin initial interviews this week for the office manager position. I am continually thankful for the prayerful work of the personnel committee and for every office volunteer who continues wonderfully stepping up.

Please continue to keep those prayers going for excellent candidates, a wonderful hire, and a flourishing future of faithful service in Christ.

I am thankful to share in this life and journey in Christ with you! May the Holy Spirit strengthen, guide, and encourage every beloved and aching part of your life.

Sunday March 2 Galatians 5:16-26

Sunday March 9 Galatians 6:1-10

Let us worship God!

Grace and courage, Ryan

## THURSDAY LUNCH SERIES

From March 6 through April 10

Noon-1pm in The Gallery

You’re invited to bring a lunch, enjoy good fellowship, and join an insightful Bible study as we follow Jesus through the season of Lent and into new life.

The Bible Study begins at 12:25 with Bible Study Reflections led by Ryan Bradney, Trey Fulkerson, and Rob Henson, pastor of Main Street Presbyterian Church in Petersburg.

Let’s gather ‘round table and the Word!



## GROW WITH STUDY

We have wonderful classes for children, youth, and adults every Sunday morning at 9am.

**Here’s what coming up with Adult Sunday School classes!**

PIONEER CLASS with Jim Vanleave

Current study series is “*Making sense out of Scripture: how to read the Bible and find joy in its teachings*”.

Join downstairs in Room 101 for an engaging, insightful study!

UPPER ROOM CLASS with Pastor Ryan

Conversational study, welcoming diverse perspectives, and application for living, authentic faith following Jesus into the world. Current series: inspiring, wider look at the power of the good news, freedom, and Spirit of Christ in the letter to the Galatians as we explore passages not covered in the current sermon series. Hope to see you upstairs!

# PANCAKE FUNDRAISER!

Mark your calendars.

March 16

After worship

Our Youth Group will be hosting a pancake fundraiser.

All proceeds will help fund our youth attending Camp Pyoca.

More details will be coming.



Please pray for the following individuals: Ann Meyers, Dave & Barbara Moran, Beth Bailey, Randy Mattingly, Peggy Pennington, Kim Hale, Linda Coleman, Savannah Murphy, Maria Keller, James Foster, Betty Sue & Pamela Jean, Jane Williams, the family of Linda (Cooke) South Tatum.

If you have prayer requests or wish to have your name removed from the list, please call the church office at 812-453-6583.

All men are invited to attend the monthly Men's Breakfast this Saturday, March 1, at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy pancakes, bacon, coffee, juice, wonderful fellowship, and an inspiring video study.

Hope to see you there!



1800

The Rev John Chavis

Chavis was the first Black-ordained Presbyterian minister in America.

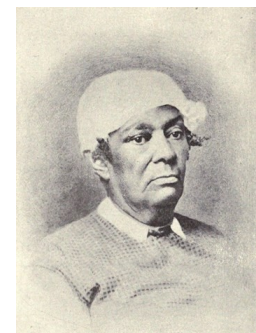
In 1778, while still a teenager, Chavis entered the Virginia Fifth Regiment and fought in the Revolutionary War. Later he entered a tutorial program with John Witherspoon, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. In 1792, at the age of 29, Chavis was accepted into the College of New Jerseys' Theological School, later renamed Princeton University.



1807

The Rev. John Gloucester

Gloucester founded First African Presbyterian Church, the nation's oldest African American Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After his ordination in 1810, Gloucester continued serving the church until he died in 1822.



1823

Miss Betsy Stockton

Stockton was the first unmarried female missionary in the modern mission era. After arriving in Hawaii, she created a school for the Maka'ainana—the ordinary people on the islands. In 1840, she helped found what is now known as Witherspoon Street Church in Princeton, NJ.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



# March 2025

St. Patrick's Day

## BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Sarah Karges
- 3/3 Isaac Holden
- 3/4 Bob Parsons
- 3/9 Grace Crecelius
- 3/13 Dorothy Mans
- 3/15 Steve Fritz
- 3/16 Vickie Rauch
- 3/28 Levi Holden  
Kirsten Schofstall
- 3/29 Isabella Kuhs

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed                             | Thu   | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
|   |   |   |                                 |   |  | 1<br>8 AM<br>Men's<br>Breakfast<br> |
| 2   | 3   | 4<br>9 AM Quilters<br><br>6:55 PM<br>Men's Bible<br>Study                         | 5<br>Noon- EPW                  | 6<br>Noon - Bible<br>Study<br><br>7 PM Choir  | 7  | 8  |
| 9   | 10<br> | 11<br>9 AM Quilters<br><br>6:55 PM<br>Men's Bible<br>Study                        | 12<br>6 PM<br>Assembly<br>Night | 13<br>Noon - Bible<br>Study<br><br>7 PM Choir | 14<br>6 PM<br>Movie Night<br><br> | 15   |
| 16<br>11:30 AM<br>Pancake<br>Breakfast<br> | 17<br> | 18<br>9 AM Quilters<br><br>6:55 PM<br>Men's Bible<br>Study                        | 19                              | 20<br>Noon - Bible<br>Study<br><br>7 PM Choir | 21   | 22   |
| 23  | 24  | 25<br>9 AM Quilters<br>Noon - Book<br>Club<br><br>6:55 PM<br>Men's Bible<br>Study | 26<br>6 PM<br>Session           | 27<br>Noon - Bible<br>Study<br><br>7 PM Choir | 28<br>6 PM<br>Game Night<br><br>  | 29   |
| 30  | 31  |   |                                 |   |  |  |

## OLD IRISH BLESSING

MAY GOD GIVE YOU  
 FOR EVERY STORM, A RAINBOW,  
 FOR EVERY TEAR, A SMILE,  
 FOR EVERY CARE, A PROMISE,  
 AND A BLESSING IN EACH TRIAL.  
 FOR EVERY PROBLEM LIFE SENDS,  
 A FAITHFUL FRIEND TO SHARE,  
 FOR EVERY SIGN, A SWEET SONG,  
 AND AN ANSWER FOR EACH PRAYER.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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



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