

Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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FROM THE PASTOR

Separation of powers, the sole minister to sign both the Declaration of Independence & the Constitution, and the creation of the first preschools, do we know what these world-changing ideas have in common? Presbyterians!

Presbyterians' impact and inspired efforts are woven into the world around us.

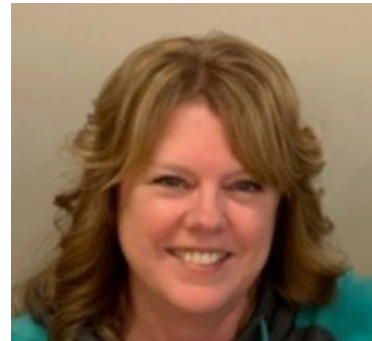
There's a story of an innovation that may surprise you. Grappling with massive Massachusetts storms that kept students inside for weeks, a Presbyterian minister, pursuing graduate studies in physical education, needed an idea quick. Cabin fever was boiling over in the dorm, and outdoor games were no match for this brutal winter. Embracing the challenge given by his professor, Luther Gulick, to channel the energies of these restless students, this graduate student was inspired to invent a new indoor game. Now played all across the world, the game, a team sport, is particularly beloved around here...*basketball*.

Drawing from his faith and from games that that he played as child, James Naismith created a team sport that he believed could transform the heart, the mind, and character of people. With good coaching, he believed that basketball could produce, *"initiative, agility, accuracy, alertness, co-operation, skill, reflex judgment, speed, self-confidence, self-sacrifice, self-control, and sportsmanship."* He went so far to say, *"there is no place in basketball for the egotist."*

Chaplain in the National Guard and volunteer chaplain in WWI, bringing his service as a physician and minister to the front lines in France, Naismith like so many Presbyterians and other Christians we know kept finding new ways of learning and serving.

In Lent, you and I are invited closer to the One whose life and extraordinary love *forever* transforms the world giving strength and inspiration in the midst of so many challenges. May we follow Jesus closely, as learners and servants by His grace growing in beautiful collaboration to bless the world God so loves!

Let us worship God!
Grace and courage, Ryan



Our New Office Manager - Laurie Spencer

I am so excited and honored to be a part of Eastminster Presbyterian Church staff. I am a native of Evansville.

My husband, Chris, and I were together 41 years before his passing in 2022.

I love spending time with my sons, Scott and Jake, as well as my 4-year-old grandson, Eli.

I worked at the Dunigan Family YMCA Membership Department for over 20 years.

I enjoy reading, writing poetry, participating in races & half marathons, hiking, playing piano, knitting, and fishing. -- Laurie



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, Fred Austin, Dee J., Jonnie Pegues & her daughter.

If you have prayer requests or wish to have your name removed from the list, please call the church office at 812-476-3355.

Membra Jesu Nostri: Meditations on the Wounds of Christ
Explored through scripture, music, and art

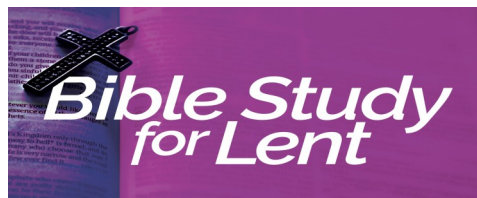


Christianity and the Arts ♦ Eastminster Presbyterian Church
Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

"Oh who am I, that for my sake, my Lord should take frail flesh and die." (Samuel Crossman, 1664)

This Maundy Thursday we invite you to enter into reflection of our Lord's sacrifice and death through Buxtehude's *Membra Jesu Nostri*. While listening to this large work for chorus, strings, and organ, we will be able to immerse ourselves in the poetry and artwork of the time.



THURSDAY LUNCH SERIES,
Noon-1pm in The Gallery
Thursdays through April 10
Bible Study Begins at 12:25

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

Bible Study Reflections led by Ryan Bradney, Trey Fulkerson, and Rob Henson, pastor of Main Street Presbyterian Church in Petersburg.

Thursday April 3 - Trey Fulkerson, teaching on Matthew 4:1-11

Thursday April 10 - Luke 23:13-26

Let's gather 'round table and the Word!

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Week at Eastminster



Palm Sunday - April 13

We'll have our regular 10:30 service with our children's palm processional at 10:30 and The Great Egg Caper following worship that day.



Maundy Thursday - April 17 at

7:00 p.m.

As always, this will be a very meaningful experience of worship. We will share Holy Communion by intinction and hear inspiring anthems from our choir.



Maundy Thursday ~ Good Friday Prayer Vigil

Every year for more than two decades we have provided the opportunity to experience a meaningful and powerful hour in the sanctuary between the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday service and 3:00 PM on Good Friday. Sign up for an hour during that period and we'll have appropriate music and books available along with our traditional Stations of the Cross arrangement.



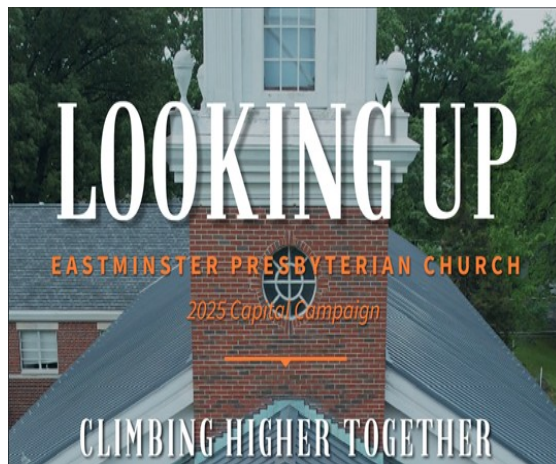
Easter Sunday - April 20

7:30 AM – Sunrise Service in The Gallery

8:30 AM - Sunrise Breakfast

9:00 – Sunday School

10:30 - Worship



Join us in a Free, catered celebration, after worship on Sunday, April 6!

It is a wonderful time to rejoice in the grace of God that lives in you, that has given life through our history, and will lead us into celebration.

We hope to see you there!



EASTER EGG FUN IS ALMOST HERE!

Thank you for your continued, generous support of children and youth!

Preparation is well underway for this year's Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 13.

Candy donations for the eggs are needed by April 6 and will be received with gratitude!

Thank you for helping to share this joy!

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