



# Eastminster Messenger

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## FROM THE PASTOR

*Lampyridae.* A city kid was 10 years old before seeing a Lampyridae flying, a lightning bug. His eyes lit up witnessing his first constellation of fireflies shining together in the night sky. The world became more beautiful to him that day. Nick, my middle brother, was that young city kid visiting from Houston for my high school graduation.

Moving recently, he finally saw the flash of another lighting bug and thought back to the last time witnessing that particular wonder of God's creation shining light in the darkness.

Dara Ojo, photographer and storyteller, takes close-up portraits of insects. Maybe not a job all of us want, right? Witnessing leaf-cutter ants up close, Dara says "I've never seen so much coordination in my life. It was beautiful to see. If humans could be this coordinated, we would have a better world."

Traveling the hillsides of Galilee, the disciples made their way for a meeting point set by Jesus...a mountain.

*"The moment they saw Jesus they worshiped him. Some though, held back, not sure about worship, about risking themselves totally."* (Matthew 28:17, MSG)

Let's take a closer look at this passage together (Matthew 28:16-20), and a new glimpse of Jesus' brilliant coordination of mission into a world in a crisis.

Let's be a firefly in the darkness this week.  
Sunday, May 18 - Matthew 28:16-20

Let us worship God!  
Grace and courage, Ryan



### **NEW TO CHURCH? NEW CLASS STARTING THIS SUNDAY, MAY 18, AT 9:30 IN THE GALLERY**

Are you newly visiting or just interested in learning more about faith and Eastminster Church? We're excited to share conversations on those topics.

Join in a wonderful exploration of new life in Christ, Eastminster Church, and our faith stories. Hope you join the conversation!

For more information contact Pastor Ryan or the office.

Hope to see you this Sunday!

### **Please pray for the following individuals:**

Ann Meyers, Dave & Barbara Moran, Beth Bailey, Randy Mattingly, Peggy Pennington, Kim Hale, Linda Coleman, Maria Keller, James Foster, Betty Sue & Pamela Jean, Jane Williams, Dee J., Johnnie Pegues & her daughter, the Doerter family, Monty Bradney, and Jim Bradley.

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

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

## SIGN UP TIME AND SHARE IN PRAYER FOR THIS SUMMER'S MISSION TRIP



**We are excited to return** to the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains of Eastern Kentucky in late July, where we will be staying at beloved Camp Burnamwood. Mission work, great fellowship at camp, and fun outings in the area are all in the plans.

All interested youth and adults are invited to reach out to Trey Fulkerson or Ryan Bradney.

More information will be coming soon!

**A GREAT BIG THANKS TO LINDSEY MILLER AND THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR THE LOVELY MOTHERS DAY GIFTS.**



Blessings to all the mothers and mother figures.  
The peace and love of God be with you!



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Join us from 5:30 - 7:30 on Monday, June 23 through Wednesday, June 5, for a **Rain Forest Expedition!** Come with us through the rain forest, as we discover games, music, crafts, stories, food and a **FREE T-SHIRT!** We'll have fun learning and growing in the way of Jesus.

Sign up sheets are available now in the Narthex and Gallery! Invite your friends and get ready for fun!

### CELEBRATING!

Eighteen children and youth completed the Bible Memory Challenge!

May we all continue learning to live the Word following in the way of Jesus.





# Loaves and Fishes

## Who is invited to Loaves & Fishes?

Everyone is invited to Loaves & Fishes.

## What is Loaves & Fishes?

Loaves and Fishes is a dinner group with time for fellowship.



## When & Where is Loaves & Fishes?

Usually there are 8 individuals in a group, couples and singles will be joined to make 8 total in the group. Once groups have been formed, information will be provided to all group members such as names, phone numbers, & e-mails. The first "host(s)" will be asked to call or e-mail members in their group to set a date, time, & place that works for everyone for the first meal along with requests for allergies (food or pet). Some may have the group of 8 join together to put a meal together in their home, while others may choose to have the group meet for dinner at a restaurant, it's completely up to you.

At the first meal, someone will agree to be the second host and follow this same procedure. A different member will host the group each month.

## Why Join Loaves & Fishes?

The purpose of Loaves & Fishes is to share a meal and spend an evening getting to better know others we worship with in our church. There is no agenda, just an evening of fellowship and food. Fun! Food!! Fellowship!!!

## How do I Join Loaves & Fishes?

If you would like to be part of a group please contact Karla Horrell by May 5, 2025 by e-mail at [kczhorrell@aol.com](mailto:kczhorrell@aol.com) or by phone at 812-476-5641.

Groups will be formed and notified by May 23, 2025.



## GREETING AND VALET SERVICE AVAILABLE AT THE GALLERY ENTRANCE

We are thankful for all the ways you help further the welcoming that Christ makes possible!

We are delighted that we now have two additional greeters in the gallery to welcome those who drive up and need valet service.

*"Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*  
(Romans 15:7)



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