



Eastminster Messenger

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FROM THE PASTOR

Summer is the time when it is too hot to do the job that it was too cold to do last winter—Mark Twain

The heat index wasn't the only number rising last week. We give thanks that three times as many children signed up for VBS this year compared to last summer.

We were wonderfully blessed too with the kids who were able to join in Sunday worship and share the message of God's love through song!

There was so much playful and prayerful prep work on the part of the Christian Education team who shared this impactful week.

Thank you to all the youth and adult leaders who helped with the fun, formative, full, and fruitful week of vacation Bible school by

*decorating the sanctuary and fellowship hall as a rainforest,

*sharing the message and the way of Jesus through songs, skits, & story time,

*preparing great meals, engaging crafts and exciting games for the kids to enjoy.

Thank you to all the VBS leaders:

Chloe Caltrider

Donna Cooke

Lee Anne Cox

Addison & Suzette Fritz

Patty Garcia

Alex Kuhs

Kuhs Family (Chris, Jenny, & Addison)

Marian LaChance

Lindsey & Deveta Miller

Vickie Rauch

Cindy Wright

Rick and Janet Zeiher

Let us continue building up every generation in the way of Jesus, following Him into the world with love that withstands the world's heat.

Let us worship God!

Grace and courage, Ryan



IN WORSHIP

Sunday July 6 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday July 13 Galatians 5:16-26

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NEW DESTINATION FOR SUMMER MISSION TRIP

We look forward to returning to Burnamwood sometime in the future. This summer, however, the Spirit is leading us in a new direction and destination to share in mission projects right here in our local community. Projects are being prayerfully readied for July!

Interested youth and adults are invited to fill out an interest form in the narthex or gallery by Sunday, July 13, and reach out to Ryan Bradney or Trey Fulkerson.

Let's go forth to love God and love our neighbors!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Storytime



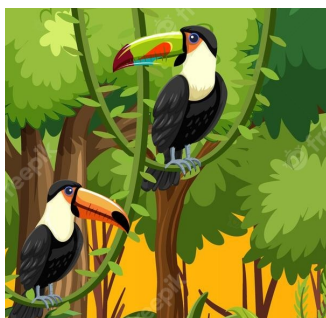
Making Crafts



Fun Skit



Songs



Sharing songs during worship

*Apologies to our quilters! Last week we incorrectly published their
2023 Annual Report.
Here is the correct version.*

**The Eastminster Quilters
2024 Annual Report**

The Eastminster quilters continue to meet every Tuesday morning and to be productive while enjoying good fellowship. We are machine quilters, not hand quilters, and make throw-sized quilts only. We feel that instead of “heirlooms” our quilts are to be used regularly as a token of the warmth of Christ’s love. Our quilts are presented on three occasions: Births, or young children new to the congregation; illness; or 90th birthday, but there are always exceptions.

We presented twenty-four quilts this year but only five were to congregation members: two celebrating 90th birthdays; two due to illness; and one saying goodbye to a member moving away to be near family. This is a small number and we hope that we did not overlook anyone. We monitor the prayer list but otherwise rely on information provided to us.

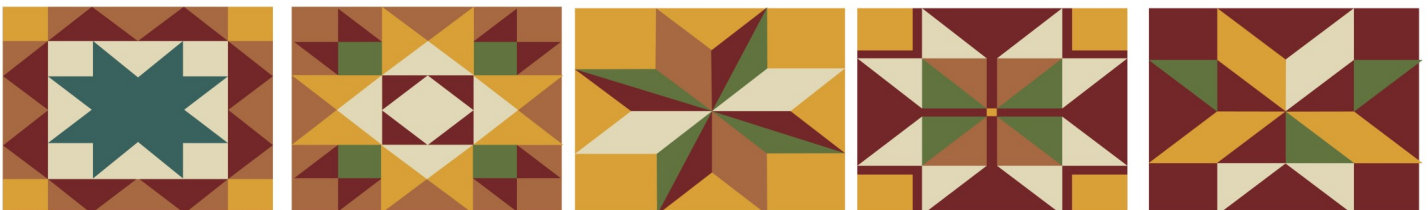
Two more quilts were presented due to illness, to friends of the church, and the remaining seventeen were donated. Two of the seventeen went to Cedar Hall School for their annual Carnival, and we have done this for several years now to honor our quilting group member, Marian LaChance, who is active there. Another went to a WW11 veteran to honor another member of our group, Nancy Sanderson, who is a volunteer at the Military Museum. Three went to the Pioneer Sunday School class and three to the “Upper Room” class for the Deacon’s Christmas baskets which they sponsored. And the remaining eight went to the Albion Center, a local agency sheltering women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

Our big project this year? We had a rummage sale. We often receive donations we cannot use because they are not for use in quilting and in the past we have passed these on to EPW for their rummage sale. But that sale has not happened in several years. Ours was also open to the congregation and we filled Fellowship Hall. We did make a donation to the youth for Camp Pyoca and we have set aside a portion of the remainder to return to the church when the capital campaign is initiated.

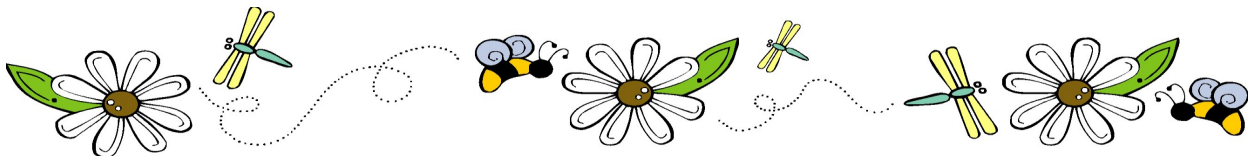
But the highlight of our year? We were given a modern long-arm quilting machine by a member of the congregation whose wife could no longer quilt. This is just an astounding gift to us as we know how valuable it is and how it will simplify our work. Our only expense to date has been to have it moved and we will now work with the local dealer to be sure that it is set up properly and to have a class with them to teach us how to use and maintain it properly.

The quilting room is open Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to Noon and we welcome new members at any level of sewing skill. We thank the Community and Outreach Committee and individual donors for the financial support that allows us to maintain our equipment and purchase the materials needed for our work. You can also help by letting one of the quilters (or the office) know of congregation members or friends we may not be aware of who are in circumstances where a quilt would be appropriate.

The Quilters: Alice Hoover, Marian LaChance, Nancy Sanderson, Patsy Sproatt, and Janet Zeiher.



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