

# Eastmínster Messenger

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When we say the word "wisdom," don't we often imagine a stern, tightlipped person, or a solemn judge in a black robe? But that is not the picture of wisdom here. Wisdom is not dour drudgery; Wisdom is joyous laughter, dance, and play. And to top it off, wisdom rejoices in us, in humanity...with all her beauty and grace, Wisdom invites us all to walk, laugh, play, and dance into the light of God's new day---Jeff Paschal on Proverbs 8

Written centuries before Jesus birth, Proverbs 8:22-31 shares a beautiful, playful vision of wisdom's creation and the genuine deep delight shared in the creation of all people and all the world.

Whether it is a difficult personal or family situation, or deeply concerning events happening in the world, wisdom and a way forward is needed.

In this next message of our *"Playing with Fire"* sermon series, I pray that message, music, entirety of the life in worship and community, deepens us in the wisdom to better recognize the world's foolishness and to more fully live with God's playfulness, truth, justice, and hope.

Sunday June 15, Father's Day Proverbs 8:22-31 "Playing with Fire"

How is God calling us to share in genuine play this week?

May the Spirit lead us to share the playfulness of God in unexpected places.

Let us worship God! Grace and courage, Ryan June 9, 2025



# 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 and Pamela Jean, Jane Williams, Dee J., Johnnie Pegues and her daughter, the Doerter family, and Lavetta McCune.

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



Starfish has been very busy, and through God's grace and your generosity, we have been able to help a large number of individuals and families.

This also means our stock is running low, and we are asking for your help.

We are in need of several items:

Shelf stable milk and eggs, corned beef hash, peanut butter, Velveeta, canned pears, applesauce, craisins, raisins, dates, fruit juices and juice boxes, mushrooms, carrots, chili, ketchup, mustard, jelly/ jam, cookies, "only add water" cake mixes, canned frosting (helps with kid's birthdays), toilet paper, dish soap, and bar soap. Thank you, and God bless you for all the wonderful things you have done!



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4:00 PM Central H.S. Auditorium	

We are excited to return to the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains of Eastern Kentucky in late July, where we will be staying at 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 Pastor Ryan Bradney.

More information will be coming soon!



### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, June 9, in worship, we were blessed to celebrate Fred Austin and his adult daughter, Cindy Wright, Chloe Caltrider, and Daniel Richardson as they were received as members in Christ with the church. Let us join in welcoming these four newest members, supporting each of them in their life of faith, and continue growing and going forth in the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God who brings the growth!





EPW held their annual "picnic" style luncheon and meeting on June 4.. There were 22 ladies present plus Pastor Ryan.

Susan Shelton has ended her term as Moderator,

as have the other officers - vice-moderator, treasurer, secretary, and corresponding secretary. All these positions will need to be filled in order for EPW to continue.



### WONDERFUL SENDOFF TO CAMP PYOCA

Thank you to all who gathered to bless the youth and adult leaders for the formative and fun week at Camp PYOCA. We pray that the experiences, learning, and adventures shared deepen their faith, love, and journey in Christ. We're sorry if you missed joining the sendoff. The group needed to leave a little before 10:00.

PYOCAMP AND RETREAT CENTER We look forward to hearing about their impactful week at Camp. CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER Let's continue our support of their growing in the way of Jesus!



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

Join us from 5:30 - 7:30 on Monday, June 23 through Wednesday, June 25, 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!

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