



# Eastminster Messenger

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## FROM THE PASTOR

*"Human beings can leave you speechless, really. They can leave you speechless by the horrible things they do, but they also leave you speechless with the incredible things"—Desmond Tutu*  
*"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7)*

What a difference a welcoming heart and community can make. This Sunday Oct. 5, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday in worship, the gift of unity available through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ that overflows into a new community of grace, faith, and love across every time, nation, denomination, place, and line of diversity. This call to celebrate and live deeper into the unity that Christ makes possible is especially needed now. I pray the call to welcome from Scripture, from Christ, and the powerful reflections from Desmond Tutu all further the welcome that Christ has given us all to share.

*"I think each of us is being asked to help make this world slightly more beautiful, slightly more gentle, slightly more caring, slightly more compassionate. And it can be, if we just realize we are ultimately meant to live as members of one family. God's family"---Desmond Tutu*

Family that includes all ages, genders, orientations, races and cultures, perspective and experiences, a new creation shaped by the faithfulness of Christ whose welcome can leave us speechless and transformed.

***What small and faithful ways is God calling you to live out that welcome with others?***

*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 15:5-6)*

Go graced in the welcome, love, and good news of Jesus Christ!  
Grace and courage,  
Ryan

## IN WORSHIP

Sunday, October 5,  
Galatians 5:22-26  
*"Living United, Living  
with Soul"*

Sunday, October 12,  
Rev. Shane O'Neil  
Luke 17:11-19  
*"Be a Samaritan"*

**Let us worship  
God!**



## CHURCH DIRECTORY IS READY TO BE MADE NEW

It is so important to have good ways of connecting. We are glad to share that the church directory is being updated. A printed copy of the most current directory is in the Narthex, and the welcome center in the Gallery. We hope that you'll review it. If your info requires no change, please initial. If changes or additions are needed, we would appreciate you writing that info in. Please make all changes by October 19. Let's keep sharing good ways of connecting!

## SHARING THANKS & EXCITEMENT ABOUT THE CHURCH WEBSITE

We are excited to share that updates will be made to the church website in the coming months. Stay tuned!

Please join us in giving thanks for Tony McClees' dedicated work of many years with this impactful tool that shares Eastminster with our neighbors. Tony has connected with Alex Kuhs who has graciously stepped up as the newest website administrator. Thank you, Tony and Alex!

Please be in prayer for this outreach effort, and let's together keep reaching out even further in love and faith.

[www.eastminsterchurch.com](http://www.eastminsterchurch.com)



### STARFISH

Thank you, for your incredible generosity! The congregation of this church has done amazing things for our community. Because of you, Starfish has been able to provide food, rent, utility help, clothing, and other items for 30 individuals/families this year.

The good news is our little pantry is becoming well known just through word of mouth. The not-so-good-news is that, unfortunately, conditions in the community are not getting any better. Twenty-five of those 30 people/families have been added since January. At times, we have been providing food to 3-4 individuals or families per day.

Because of your swift and generous response, our shelves are now filling up with vegetables, fruit, beans, chili, soups, and stews. We have received so many wonderful items, we can't thank you enough. We still have a need for shelf stable milk, juices, and dessert items /sweets. (for kids.)

Thank you for all you have done. And a huge thank you to the people who have already donated. So, so many have benefitted from your generous kindness and loving hearts, and they are truly grateful. May God bless you all, as you shine brightly with the love of Christ.

## YOU'RE INVITED TO THE PARTY!

Sunday, October 19, after our worship service come and enjoy a catered lunch and good conversation in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate the unifying, transformative work of the Spirit, and give thanks for the power of generosity that moves through Eastminster. An RSVP is not required but is greatly appreciated.

There will be no formal program. The focus is on gathering in gratitude to God for the Spirit's power to build and unite, growing community in Christ across every generation and all the differences shared.

Thank you for all the ways you share in the generous, transformative Spirit of Christ. Let's celebrate!



### MOVIE NIGHT



**October 10, 6 PM**

Please join us Friday, October 10, at 6pm for *Shaun of the Dead*. It is a British comedy/parody of zombie movies, with Simon Pegg. Come laugh with us and share some snacks!

### Please pray for the following Individuals:



Ann Meyers, Beth Bailey, Dave & Barbara Moran, Randy Mattingly, Kim Hale, Peggy Pennington, Linda Coleman, Maria Keller, James Foster, Betty Sue and Pamela Jean, Jane Williams, Dee J., Johnnie Pegues and her daughter, the Doerter family, Joan Post, Ruth Ann Nelson and family, Tammy Wallace, Billy Barnes, Don Howland, Lisa Russell, Lynn Copp, and Tosha Perdue.

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

# Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, September 28, 2025



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