

# *Eastminster Messenger*

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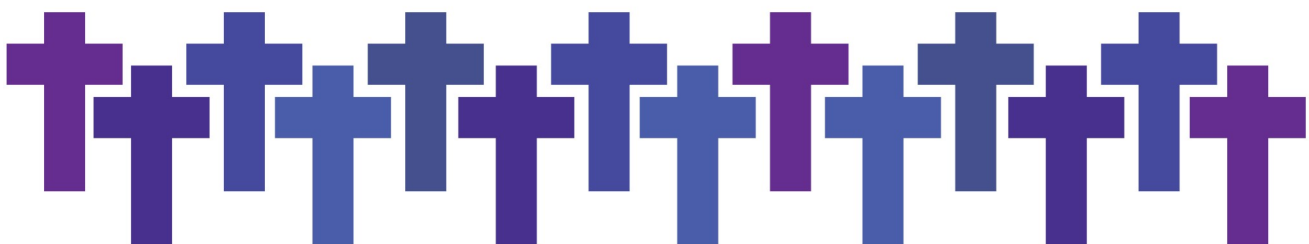
Now that Pastor Ryan has shared with us the news of his new call as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville, we know that the congregation of Eastminster Presbyterian Church will undergo a time of transition. This process began with a special session meeting called by Pastor Ryan on May 6 to meet with representatives of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley. The session welcomed the Rev. Sammie Smith, who will be serving as Moderator of Session; the Rev. MB McCandless, a member of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM); and the Rev. Susan McGhee, Executive Presbyter.

Susan acknowledged that the last pastoral transition was a difficult one, particularly in light of the covid pandemic and the failing health of our first transitional pastor. Susan and MB shared their hope that this transition will be much shorter and less difficult than the last. Often, the transition following a briefer and stable pastoral tenure neither requires nor consumes the same length of time as one that follows a much longer pastorate.

The first responsibility of session during a pastoral vacancy is to secure pulpit supply. The Worship Committee has begun that work, and the presbytery has supplied a list of several available pastors. This is a short-term responsibility, as the session will also be working with the Committee on Ministry to bring in a "bridge pastor" to carry on pastoral duties and provide leadership for session and staff.

The session has already selected a small team to work with MB and the COM to create a ministry profile and position description for this bridge pastor, and Susan is working with her colleagues to develop a pool of candidates who might be able to serve.

We'll provide more information as time goes on. For now, we ask for your prayers for Pastor Ryan and his family, as well as for the session, staff, and other leaders of Eastminster!





We will have a farewell luncheon for Pastor Ryan on June 14 after worship to celebrate our time with him and to wish him well as God moves in his life.

If you would like and are able, please bring a side dish or dessert. The main course will be catered.

Everyone is invited!

Please join us!

**IN WORSHIP**

**Sunday May 24  
(Pentecost)  
Acts 2:1-21**

**Sunday, May 31  
Trey Fulkerson  
preaching**

**Let us worship God!**



The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

Dear Members of Eastminster,

We have all had time to reflect on the departure of Pastor Ryan, who is moving to be closer to his wife. While we understand his decision, we are now beginning the grieving process together as a community.

It is vital that we unite to celebrate Ryan's ministry and support one another as we seek a new spiritual leader for Eastminster. This transition occurs during the meaningful season of Easter, reminding us of the Great Commission to spread Christ's ministry. Although our church faces obstacles, we must not let these challenges overcome us. Instead, let us recommit ourselves to Eastminster and to Jesus's mission.

As noted in Hebrews 10:24-25:

"Let us help each other to love others and to do good. Let us not stay away from church meetings. Some people are doing this all the time. Comfort each other as you see the day of His return coming near."

Let us continue to gather and encourage one another during this time.

Best regards from the Session,

Don Smith





We cannot thank you enough for all the generous gifts and donations this congregation has made to Starfish! Your love and generosity to our community is amazing, and we thank God for you every day.

Whenever we ask for help, you come through in amazing ways! Our shelves are filling up again with food through your love and compassion. There are still a few items that we could use, but your response has been humbling and beautiful.

We are in need of: canned fruit, dried fruit, flour, sugar, salsa, baking soda, canned/bottled juices, applesauce, "just add water" cake/baked goods mixes, dried mashed potatoes, canned tomatoes, cereal, snacks, cookies, stew, popcorn/snacks.

Thank you, and God Bless you for all that you do!



**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 13 - 17**  
**5:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Get your children signed up soon!**



**Movie Night**  
**May 29**  
**6 PM**  
**"ANNIE"**

(Snacks included)



**Building a Strong Campfire**

Thank you for your truly wonderful generous support for the youth and their upcoming faith-formative experiences this summer at Camp PYOCA. Together, you have already given \$1,970 toward this incredible, impactful ministry opportunity for congregational and community youth.

With another strong group of youth anticipated, the camp goal will be about \$6,000-\$7,000. Your generosity has the ministry going strong toward the goal!

Let's continue giving with love!

May this year's camp for these young disciples be blessed and formative for lifelong faith, and may we as a congregation continue to grow in community with the youth transformed by that wonderful fire of the Spirit.



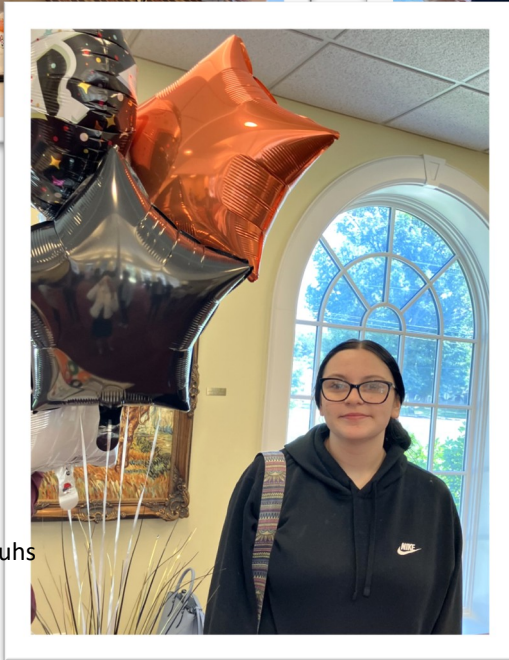
# CONGRATULATIONS , GRADUATES!



Addison Fritz



Cameron Stroud



Addision Kuhs



Karly  
LaChance



Drew Chandler, Mason Gross, Bri Alley, and our Music Director, Alanna Keenan



# June 2026

## Anniversaries

- 6/7 Randy & Melissa Mattingly
- 6/14 Brian & Beth Bailey
- 6/17 Ron & Patsy Sproatt
- 6/25 Chris & Jenny Kuhs
- 6/29 Norm & Mary Fulkerson



## Birthdays

- 6/2 Elizabeth Kuhs
- 6/9 Jeff Holden  
Karla Harper
- 6/10 Brenda Miller
- 6/15 Jim Palmer
- 6/19 Sharon Glover
- 6/20 Daniel Holden
- 6/21 Richard Yeager
- 6/23 Suzette Fritz  
Sue Kuhs
- 6/25 Corinne Smith



## Sunday Schedule

- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 -10:30 Fellowship
- 10:30 Worship
- 6:30 PM Youth Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9 AM Quilters	3	4	5	6 8 AM Men's Breakfast  
7	8	9 9 AM Quilters  6:15 PM Ladies Night Out	10 6 PM Assembly Night	11	12	13
14	15	16 9 AM Quilters	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23 9 AM Quilters  Noon - Book Club	24 6 PM Session	25	26	27
28	29	30 9 AM Quilters				

## EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Eastminster Staff

Ryan Bradney - Pastor  
Mike Cantrell - Sexton  
Donna Cooke - Parish Nurse  
Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assist.  
Alanna Keenan - Director of Music  
Addison Kuhs - Nursery Worker  
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper  
Ryan Luttrull - Organist  
Laurie Spencer - Office Manager

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# HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET PEOPLE?

The church has been blessed to receive a number of visitors in the past months, and we need people to greet them, hand out bulletins, introduce them to others, answer questions, and make them feel welcomed. In that thought, we are looking for people who will act as ushers, greeters, and “valets” on Sundays.

We have sign up sheets in the Gallery if you would like to be a part of this ministry of welcome. If you can choose a day or days ahead of time, it would be greatly appreciated . We would like to help make Sunday mornings run smoother by knowing who will be spreading God’s welcome that day. Even a week in advance will be incredibly helpful.

Thank you, for making Eastminster a warm, welcoming, and loving church home for all!

Please  
Pray  
for ...



## Please pray for:

Johnnie Pegues, Ann Meyers, Beth Bailey, Dave Moran and family, Randy Mattingly, Kim Hale, Shannon Kuhs, Peggy Pennington, Linda Coleman, Maria Keller, Kim Hale,

Shannon Kuhs, James Foster, Betty Sue and Pamela Jean, Dee J., Michael Pegues, the Doerter family, Ruth Ann Nelson and family, Tammy Wallace, Billy Barnes, Lisa Russell, Tosha Perdue, Lynn Copp and family, Smokey, Eli Spencer, Jack Turpin, Jmari Henderson & the people of Hawaii, the Hessler family, Chloe Caltrider & family, Savannah Murphy, Lizzie Brandon and children, Jenny Kuhs & family, the Howland family, Nick Bradney, the family of Ron Sproatt, the family of Jane Williams, the Lane family, Ruth Lankford, John David Shofstall, the family of Joan Post, and Emily McLean and family.

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

## JOINING IN CHRIST...THIS MAY

Are you interested in learning more about God, faith, and becoming a member of Eastminster Church?

We are excited to share upcoming conversations for learning and growing in Christ together.

For more information, contact Pastor Ryan, the office or make a note on the visitor card or on the friendship pad in the pew next Sunday.

