

**EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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# Eastminster Messenger

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## WE HAVE A CLASS FOR YOU!

Eastminster is blessed to offer Pre-k thru fifth grade, Middle School & High School Sunday School classes as well as two adult Sunday School classes. If you and your family are not in a class, please consider joining us every Sunday at 9:00 AM. We would love to have you!

## Community Group

Please join us for Community Group on Friday, February 17th at 6:00 PM (note the time change) We will meet at the Rooster's Den located at 3988 Haley Drive in Newburgh. Please sign up using the sign up sheet located in the Gallery.



### Eastminster Staff

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Ladies' Night Out will be held on Tuesday, February 14 at 6:15 PM. All ladies are invited to attend this time of wonderful food, fun and fellowship. Place to be announced! Contact Karla Horrell at kcchorrell@aol.com or contact the church.

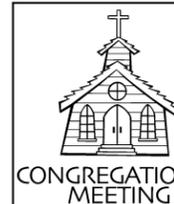
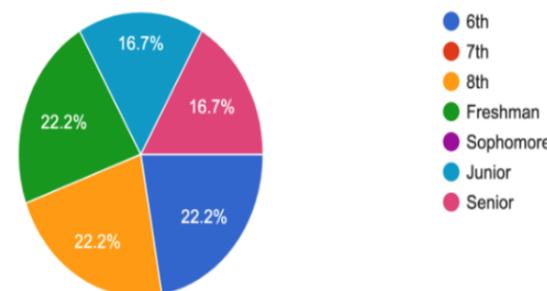


At the next book club get-together we will discuss The Oysterville Sewing Circle by Susan Wiggs. Please join us on Tuesday, February 28 at noon at the Sports Den located on Weinbach Avenue.



Cole Irmscher and Mr. Gordon are hard at work on the memory contest.

The following image reflects the grade levels of active youth group members as of January (out of the 18 who filled out their form).



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please join us for the congregational meeting that will be held this Sunday immediately after worship in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Annual Report, approve the congregation minutes and approve the Pastor's terms of call.

# Exploring Eastminster

There are some of us who still use the front entrance to the Church, enjoying the beautiful trees and yard, the wide porch and the sturdy columns, but we know that the preferred entrance to the building is through the Gallery as it is handicapped accessible, offers covered access in inclement weather, and has the greeter there to welcome us. This area is the newest addition to Eastminster, begun in early 2007 and completed the next year.

In the original plan for Eastminster, this area was to be a large square addition with a hallway out of the narthex, balancing in appearance the hallway and Fellowship Hall to the East. But when the congregation was able to move ahead with the addition, it was decided that a smaller area designed more to meet the immediate needs (the covered, handicapped accessible entrance) was the better choice. From the beginning it was planned that the addition would be built to feature the stained glass window which had been brought to Eastminster from the Washington Avenue Church building and stored in anticipation of its use.

At first, the area was referred to by various names – the gathering room, the welcome center, and the rotunda, among them. According to Dr. Davenport, when the announcement was made that we would be adding works of art as the focus of the décor to further our theme of Christianity and the Arts, someone said “You’re turning that room into a gallery!” Then, by chance it was discovered that one of the many definitions of the word “gallery” is “an addition to the west side of a church that is used for meetings and other purposes.” And so it is named.

It is easy to rush through the Gallery intent on getting to services, checking what is of interest on the welcome center, greeting fellow worshipers, or shaking hands with Pastor Ryan after the service while anticipating lunch. But it is so worthwhile to spend time with each of the paintings:

- The Return of the Prodigal Son*, by Rembrandt (1662);
- The Creation of Adam*, by Michelangelo (1511);
- The Conversion on the Road to Damascus*, by Caravaggio (1601); and,
- The Good Samaritan*, by Van Gogh (1890).

A brochure that provides information about each painting is available on one of the side tables. The paintings are from the same source as those now hanging in Nativity Hall. All were provided by private donation and were chosen because of their significance to our Christian faith. Before they were hung, Dr. Davenport presented a series of sermons entitled “Masterpieces for the Master.” One was the focus of the sermon each Sunday, which helped us to know more about the artist, to understand what is depicted in the painting, and to see its meaning for us. The last to be hung, “The Prodigal Son”, is nearest to the Sanctuary entrance to remind us that our Heavenly Father is waiting for us with open arms. Dr. Davenport also challenged us to look at the paintings from the perspective of “hands”, as they are significant in each. What will you do with your hands that will make a difference in someone’s life?

In addition to the paintings there are comfortable chairs where you may sit and enjoy the sunshine through the stained-glass window, which is also deeply meaningful. And you can leaf through a copy of “The Saints of Eastminster”.

We encourage you to take some time and enjoy all that the Gallery offers.

## PRAYER CONCERNS



Please pray for the following:

Tid Turner, Jane Williams, Walt Lowe, Ann Meyers, David Holder, Shirley Vanlandingham, Ashly Steckel, Jesse Garcia, Lee & Karen Miller, Rilee Jane Colbert, Steve Aud, Sabrina Holden, Jerry, Dawn and the people of Ukraine. If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or call the church office.

*thank you*

Thank you to Simms Painting for all of the beautiful work that they did to restore our Sanctuary and Breezeway back to pristine condition.



### Birthdays

- 2/2 John Oglesby
- 2/3 Hunter Overfield
- 2/12 Nancy Engelbrecht
- 2/14 Gary Pennington
- 2/17 Patty Tharp
- 2/21 Lannie Frasier
- 2/23 Deveta Miller  
Diane VanCleave
- 2/27 Chris Walsh



### Sunday Schedule

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

# February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon - EPW	2  4:30 Youth Office Hours  7 PM Choir	3	4 8 AM Men's Breakfast
5	6	7 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	8 6 PM Assembly Night	9 4:30 Youth Office Hours  7 PM Choir	10	11
12	13	14 9 AM Quilters  6:15 PM Ladies' Night Out  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	15	16 4:30 Youth Office Hours  7 PM Choir	17  6 PM Community Group	18
19	20	21 9 AM Quilters  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	22 6 PM Session	23 4:30 Youth Office Hours  7 PM Choir	24	25
26	27	28 9 AM Quilters  Noon - Book Club  6:55 PM Men's Bible Study				