

Welcome to East Main Church!

Our mission: East Main Church exists to honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ. We seek to do this by:

- **Growing** as Jesus' followers ourselves.
- **Sharing** Jesus' love with those who are not yet following him.
- **Being engaged** in God's mission to the world.
- **Developing & deploying** Christ-like leaders.

If you are new to East Main we welcome you to join us in this great adventure!

Congratulations Confirmands:

Isabelle Hughes

mentored by Brodi Whitley

Emma Little

mentored by Kelley Smith

Grace Thomas

mentored by Rachel Kunzen

Prayer Corner

Prayer for Our Church Family

Pray for Kate Phipps as she recovers from surgery. Wayne and Kate Phipps who are now residing at Trinity Living Center. Pray for those who grieve: The family of Lois Stillwaggon. The family of Shirley Horne.

Give Thanks

Give thanks for the life of Shirley Horne who passed away on April 12.

Ministries and Churches

Praise for the successful Leadership workshop with Dr. Paul Borden last weekend.

Pray for the church of the week: North Sandy Presbyterian.

9:00 am Service

Prelude, "Morning has Broken" Bob McConnell

Call to Worship

* Hymns of Praise

O Worship the King 336
It is Good to Sing Thy Praises 330

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Forgiveness in Christ

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Welcome & News About Our Life Together

Prayers for the World, One Another & The Lord's Prayer

Receiving Tithes & Offerings & Connect Cards

Children ages 4 – Grade 2 dismissed to Adventures

Offertory, To God Be the Glory Bob McConnell

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading & Message

Pastor Bill Hoffman Acts 12:1-19
"Peter was Kept in Prison, BUT..."

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed

Confirmation of Students

***Hymn, It is Well With My Soul** 495

* Benediction

*** Postlude, Hark, Ten Thousand Harps & Voices**
Bob McConnell

*Please stand if able

11:00 am Service

Call to Worship

* Songs of Praise, Prayers of Confession of Sin & Assurance of Forgiveness in Christ

Immeasurably More
Reckless Love

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* Going Forth With Song

It Is Well With My Soul

* Benediction

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Elder Visitation:

Dave Taylor & John McCoy

Deacons on Duty:

Linda McFadden & Jim Corbett

"Peter was Kept in Prison, BUT ..."

Bill Hoffman | Acts 12:1-19

Your observations: what is Herod doing and why? Peter? The church? What elements are predicable? Astonishing? Comical?

What are some ways – miraculous, and not – that you have seen or experienced God working powerfully behind the scenes in someone's life?

- Typically we see God's work after the fact; what can help us see and experience God working in real time?

The church likely prayed for James too, but Herod had him killed (v. 2). How is prayer beneficial even if it does not yield the results we ask from God?

What does earnest prayer look like in the church and in someone's life?

In the week ahead: commit yourself to putting as much earnest energy into praying about a troubling situation as you do working toward a resolution. At the end of the week evaluate the results, and also your thoughts/attitudes/feelings about the situation.

Announcements

Prayer Walk and Fast for Our Community -

Please join us at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall to walk and pray for our community! Prayer group leaders are needed for the event. Prayer sheets to guide the prayer are provided. We will meet back at the church at 2 pm to have communion together. Please sign up on the Connect Card or Contact Taylor Hunker at taylorhunker@gmail.com or 484-663-4191.

Connect Cards-Help us know what's going on in your life. Leave a praise, prayer or sign up! New visitors can contact us via Connect Cards or text.

Mercer County Town Hall Meeting "Breaking the Cycles of Addiction" is 4-18 at 6:30 pm at Mercer United Methodist. More details are available on our community bulletin board. New info will be provided at the meeting on how faith communities can get involved.

Mother, Daughter, Friend Pot Luck Dinner -

Ladies of all ages invite a friend and join us May 7. Doors open at 5:30 pm; pot luck begins at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share, if you have no time to do so, just come! Beverages, table service, & dessert will be provided. Sue Garton will delight us with her wonderful hand bell music after dinner! Sign up in the Welcome Center starting April 22. Questions? Email Tracy Jackson (mtojackson@gmail.com) or Mary Wike (britni270414@gmail.com).

Thanks for the **generous Lenten Offering** of \$3,735 for Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Conference Center.

EM Missionaries Andrew & Amy Funka will be sharing with us April 22 during a joint Sunday School Class at 10:05 am in Fellowship Hall as well as at both worship services.

CHLTB Projects - Do you know someone in need of free help with house projects or repair? If you know of someone who could benefit from this ministry, please contact Young Adult Pastor Andy Bishop (abishop@eastmainpc.org). If you'd like to sign up to volunteer, you can do so today on the Connect Card or in the Welcome Center.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner (June 18th - June 22nd from 9:00-Noon)! Many volunteers are needed to help with this exciting ministry. Stop in the welcome center today to see how you can be a part of the VBS team!

The Senior and Junior High Summer Mission Trip Teams **are in need of additional adult volunteers!** If you love Jesus, like teens, and would like information about serving with us this summer, please contact Melissa Danielson at mdanielson@eastmainpc.org.

If you'd like to **request prayer** from East Main's prayer tree, please email our prayer tree leaders at prayer@eastmainpc.org or call / text:
Rusty L. Williams (724) 992-9509
Lou Ann Bestwick (724) 974-1534
Requests may be made anonymous at your request. Please also consider joining us in prayer for our church family by contacting us!

New Online Giving System - If you'd like to sign up for online giving, please go to eastmainpc.org and click the 'giving' button on the left of the main page to give a one-time or recurring gift.

Urgent Need for Summer Workers at Cedar Campus Christian Camp. InterVarsity's Cedar Campus is looking for young people (age 18 and over) to come and work for several weeks or the whole summer in one of the most beautiful settings in Michigan. There are opportunities in recreation, food service, children's ministry, buildings and grounds, and others. Contact Frank

Duda (724-458- 7633) for more information.

Children's Ministry Information

Sunday School for children 18 months through High School is at 10:05 am. For information or classroom locations, please stop at the desk in the Welcome Center.

Nursery is available for children birth through age 4 during both services. We would love to care for your little one, so please stop by and visit us in the nursery (Room 202).

Adventures in Worship: Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to attend this child-focused program during the worship services. Children are dismissed during the offering and meet under the sheep that is hanging in the Welcome Center. A leader will meet them and bring them downstairs to room 101 for the program. Parents can pick up their children at room 101 after the service.

THIS WEEK AT EAST MAIN

Today:

9:00 am Traditional Service
10:05 am Sunday School & Cov. Partner Class
11:00 am Contemporary Service

Tuesday:

5:30 pm Parenting Study
6:00 pm Men's Basketball
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday:

9:30 am Women's Bible study
6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
6:15 pm Women's Bible study
7:00 pm Women's Bible study
7:00 pm Support Group
8:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday:

7:15 am Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm Financial Peace University

Friday:

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

PETER WAS KEPT IN PRISON BUT...

ACTS 12:1-19
PASTOR BILL HOFFMAN



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