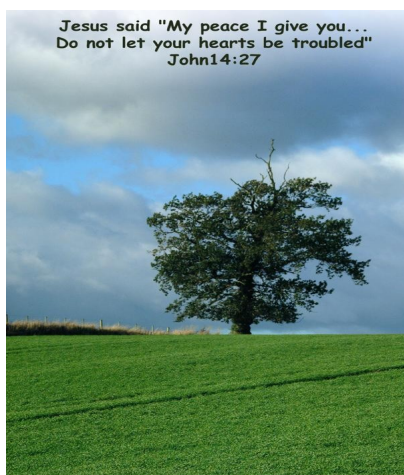


Stewardship of Prayer

In this monthly stewardship ministry newsletter, we will relate stories and testimonials from our fellow brothers and sisters at Eastminster Presbyterian Church who have discovered the Peace of Christ by living God Centered Lives. This month we present Marilyn Lewis who tells us what Eastminster Presbyterian Church has meant to her on her journey from illness to renewal.



"I have been fortunate enough to have many people pray for my recovery. I believe that this intercessory prayer is the ingredient in my healing that my doctors had not anticipated. Most of all I trust that God will use me as a positive person who is thankful in knowing that He has a bigger plan that will always sustain us if we only trust and obey."

- Marilyn Lewis

"July 27, 1997 it happened. I was diagnosed with a brain virus, encephalitis. This caused seizures that acted like a big eraser clearing out 50 years of memory. During the course of that week my condition worsened to a state where I was having seizures every one and a half minutes. The doctors decided to induce a coma and I spent the next several weeks in intensive care. When I came out of the coma it became evident that memories of my life prior to July 1997 were gone. Initially, I did not recognize my own son."

One member at Eastminster, who was with Marilyn through out her recovery contributed the following insight, "This is the story of Eastminster, a church of love and deep faith that was led to provide support for one of their own in a time of need and is a story of a lady whose deep faith and courage brought her back to us from a disease that is frequently terminal. It was also a Ministry of Trust. When she didn't even know who we were or what was going to happen to her she trusted us to look after her and to put her in places where she was able to heal and recover. For those involved in her recovery it was a Ministry of Prayer as we prayed for her recovery daily. It was also a Ministry of Courage for her."

"I am grateful to God that he walks next to me on my life's journey. I hope God will give me the opportunity to use my experience in a positive way to help others. As Eastminster played a vital part in my recovery. Many of you came to my assistance, however due to the nature of my illness I don't remember every event, but I would like to thank each and every one of you. I will always be grateful for your love and support. God has truly blessed me with the stewardship of Eastminster."

Trust

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me."

John 14:1

Obey

"and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:20