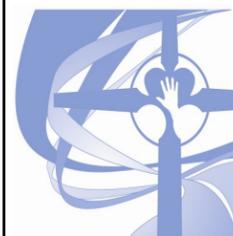


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"The Gospel According to Moana"



Last Sunday, Barb Ferguson continued our summer series by helping us see Rembrandt's "Return of the Prodigal" - the painting that hangs in The Gallery at the entrance to our narthex and sanctuary - in a brand-new way. Her

sermon also helped us in understanding the parable of Jesus in a new way as well as she focused on the book of Henri Nouwen that is based on both the painting and the parable.

This Sunday, we'll continue the film portion of the series with the conclusion and presentation of our Vacation Bible School program. For more than 20 years, it has become a tradition at Eastminster to have the sermon for this day focus on a children's story or movie and direct it more to the children than the adults. As we know, though, a lesson for children always touches a need that we have as adults as well.

One of the finest examples of this is the book by Robert Fulghum - All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten. Lessons that we learn very early in life are lessons that stay with us and have the greatest meaning. That being the case, there are very valuable lessons that are conveyed in many children's stories and movies.

This week, our VBS program is centered on a camp theme and it seems fitting that our sermon for VBS presentation Sunday should also have a very outdoor focus. An outstanding children's animated movie that was just released last November is a perfect fit for our VBS theme.

Read Matthew 14:22-33 as we learn valuable lessons for children (and adults) from "The Gospel According to Moana."

VBS Blessings,
Dennis

Bring a Friend to Church then Stay for Lunch!

The Outreach Committee is organizing a potluck luncheon on Sunday, August 6, following the 10:30 service.

The entrée will be pork barbeque sandwiches. We ask you to bring your specialty - salads, sides, or desserts.



Come and enjoy good food and fellowship...and share it all with your friends from outside Eastminster! We will take a free-will offering to help cover the cost of the entrée.

EPC SCRIP

Support our Church by purchasing scrip cards. A variety of cards are available for you to choose from so don't forget to see Donna Cooke on Sunday to get yours.



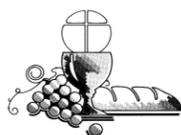
Ladies Night Out is on Tuesday, August 8 at 6:15 p.m. We will meet at Little Angelo's in Newburgh. Reservations are a must, so please contact the church office to get your name on the list!

Prayers & Concerns



Please pray for the following:

Sarah Yeager McKee, Barbara, Marilois Barker, Ken H,



Sunday, July 30, 2017

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST Jarid Shofstall
USHER Rebecca Conen

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST Jarid Shofstall
HEAD USHER Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

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Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

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Thank You

Thank you for your support in sending me to Washington D.C. My church is such a blessing to me. It was my first plane trip. It was cool! A person from Envision met me when I got off of the plane. We went to a hotel. We stayed in Maryland. I had two roommates. They were cool!

The first day we met up with the leadership groups. There were 25 in my group. I met kids from all over the country.

The second day we did a Peace Patch simulation. Some middle school students council wore Peace Patches over their mouths as a demonstration to get more police protection in their neighborhood. We had a debate to decide who was for or against the Patches. We voted to get rid of the Patches.

We went to Harpers Ferry in West Virginia. It was a confederate arsenal army where they made weapons. John Brown attacked this town because he was against slavery. We had a simulation I was in the military. It seemed real to me. John Brown was charged with treason.

We went to see the monuments in Washington. I saw the Lincoln, Vietnam, and the Korean monuments.

We went to the American History Smithsonian. I saw some of the uniforms that some of the presidents wore.

On day four, we went to the Hard Rock Café for dinner, then we went to the Baltimore Science Center and spent the night there.

We met Anthony Robles. He was a three time All-American wrestler. He had one leg. He taught us that nothing was impossible and not to give up on your dream. It was an incredible experience.

I learned that it takes more than taking charge to be a leader. It takes goal setting, communication, character, respect, team work, and problem solving.

I will have pictures to share next week.

Once again I want to thank my church and my community for giving me this experience.

Alex Kuhs

Attention All Officers!



If you have not told the office that you will or will not be attending the Officers' Retreat on Friday, August 25th - Saturday, August 26th in New Harmony, then please do so ASAP!

Assembly Night



If you are serving on Session or a session committee, please remember to sign up for the Assembly Night meal that will be held on Wednesday, August 9, at 6:00 p.m. Pizza & drinks will be served so it's good to have a count on what to order. The sign up sheet is located in the Narthex or see Mel Ellsperman for assistance.

Deacons Christmas Baskets

Be watching for the August bookmark, with suggested shopping items for the month, to be in the pews. Any items you purchase can be placed in the baskets provided or brought to the church office. Please watch for expiration dates when shopping early.



Please continue to save your Campbell's products labels and your Box Tops for Education. You may drop them off in the kitchen. These go to the Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico where our Mission Team just returned from!!



Give Thanks to the Lord
for he is good; his love endures forever.
Psalm 118:1

Blessings for Back to School

On Sunday, August 13, during our 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will be asking for God's blessing on and protection for all students, teachers, teacher's aides, administrators, bus drivers and other workers with our schools.



Children are invited to bring their backpacks for this service of blessing and to place them around the Communion table. Others working in the educational field will be invited to join them.

As is our tradition we will ask for God's strength, help and protection during the coming year.

Children's Summer Sunday School Leaders

- August 6 Suzette Fritz
- August 13 Cheryl Ison
- August 20 _____need volunteer
- August 27 Suzette Fritz
- September 3 Kim Weil

September 10 FALL KICK OFF

Children's Summer Worship Leaders

- August 6 _____need volunteer
- August 13 Cheryl Ison
- August 20 Jarid Shofstall
- August 27 _____need volunteer
- September 3 _____need volunteer

September 10 FALL KICK OFF



Over 45 Begin to Learn SonRock In Our Vacation Bible School!

Our Vacation Bible School got off to a fantastic start as over 45 children and leaders have gathered to discover God's plan for their lives. Children, youth and adults can be heard laughing and singing as they delve into scripture to learn more about God's plan by studying and understanding the life of Jesus Christ.

The impact and importance of a week of VBS can be seen by the number of youth and young adults who are helping with our program. Eastminster is definitely helping to provide church leaders for the future.

