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# Eastminster Messenger

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FROM THE



PASTOR

## "A Gospel Riddle"

We have just completed a Summer Sermon Series that focused on books, films and songs that convey a Christian message without necessarily being overtly religious. I don't know how it was to you to listen to those sermons, but my preparation of them was a fascinating experience.

It would make good sense now to return to the lectionary, which is ordinarily our practice at Eastminster. I'd like to wait a week to do so, however. This Sunday is Fall Kick-Off – the beginning of our new Sunday School program and the beginning of many of our other new programs. I'd like to connect that with something else that is fresh on the minds of many within our congregation.

At the end of August, we held our Officers & Staff Retreat in New Harmony – something we haven't done for a number of years. 35 individuals participated in that experience and I think every one of those 35 would tell you that it was a wonderfully challenging and uplifting time. Sometimes there are intangibles with an experience such as that – ways in which the Holy Spirit is present that are difficult to explain. I think that's what happened for all of us in New Harmony.

It doesn't seem fair that only 35 people got to experience that intangible presence of the Spirit. and I thought it might be a good idea, in worship, to look at the passage of scripture that was our focus for the retreat. That's what we'll do this Sunday.

Read a familiar miracle story from the gospels – Matthew 14:22-33 where we find "A Gospel Riddle."

Fall Kick-Off Blessings,  
Dennis



## Fall Kick-Off This Sunday September 10th!

### Our Schedule for Fall Kick-Off!

It is hard to believe it is almost time to begin a new year of study of God's Word. We have a fantastic year of educational programs lined up for all ages of our church family.

We will kick off our new year of study with a COMBINED OPENING ASSEMBLY for everyone at 9 a.m., in the sanctuary where we will:

- introduce our Sunday School staff,
- promote our children,
- present Bibles to third graders,
- close with prayer and immediately move to our classrooms.

In our Sunday School Classrooms:

- donuts, juice and/or coffee will be served,
- our Sunday School classes begin their courses of study,

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR ALL ADULTS:** This Sunday, EVERY adult in the congregation is invited to join us for a great discussion in small groups that will be led by our Worship Exploration Team. In anticipation of that gathering, consider how you would respond to the following: TELL ABOUT A PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL WORSHIP SERVICE YOU'VE EXPERIENCED; WHAT IS IT THAT HELPS YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE IN WORSHIP?; WHAT MAKES YOU CRINGE IN WORSHIP (HERE OR ELSEWHERE)?; WHAT MAKES OUR WORSHIP MOST MEANINGFUL TO YOU?; WHAT IS MISSING FROM OUR WORSHIP?; WHAT WOULD YOU NEVER CHANGE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP?



## Sunday, September 10, 2017

### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

**LITURGIST**     **USHER**  
Lannie Frasier     Bob Lewis

### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

**LITURGIST**     **HEAD USHER**  
Lannie Frasier     Mel Ellsperman

### USHERS & GREETERS

Donna Cooke & Youth  
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

### ACOLYTE

Jocelyn Kuhs

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER

Annie Engelbrecht

### FLOWER DEACONS

Marlene Huffaker & Jimmy Moore

### Eastminster Staff

Anna Cantrell - Housekeeper  
Dennis R. Davenport - Pastor  
Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager  
Trey Fulkerson - Youth Director  
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper  
Dennis Malfatti - Director of Music

### Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.  
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Youth Group hours have changed! We will now be meeting from 5:30 - 8 p.m. every Sunday.



Youth Office Hours will now be held on Thursdays from 4:30 - 8 p.m. Come and hang out, talk about your day, watch a movie and just unwind.



DON'T FORGET....We have gift cards!!! If you would like scrip cards and we don't have them on hand, please tell Donna what you want and she will put it on the list to be ordered. Due to postage costs we need to place at least a \$300 order each time.

## Prayers & Concerns



Please pray for the following:

Sarah Yeager McKee, Barbara, Marilois Barker, Connie Nichols, Tracey Manis, the Stone Family, Elizabeth Keith Daughtery, Ken, Caitlynn Kelly, Mark, & Ginny Marvel.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2017 Interfaith Build

The third Habitat of Evansville Interfaith Build is underway. Eastminster is one of very few churches that have been a part of this venture from its onset. We again have the opportunity to work alongside those of other churches and other faith communities to help build a house for a first-time homeowner. See the information below and/or contact Dr. Davenport for more information.

**Interfaith Future Homeowners**  
**David & Alexia 1718 S Governor St.**

### TENTATIVE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Siding Sat, Sept. 16 Tue, Sept. 19 Wed, Sept. 20	Pre-insulation Sat, Sept. 23	Paint Sun, Oct. 8
6 Volunteers	6 volunteers 1/2 day	8 volunteers 1/2 day

### HOW TO VOLUNTEER

1. Go to [www.evansvillehabitat.org](http://www.evansvillehabitat.org)
2. Click on the "Volunteer" button
3. Click "Click here to Volunteer Now"
4. First-time volunteers: click "Fill in an application" Returning Volunteers: click "Log into your account"
5. Once logged in, click on the "Opportunities" tab
6. Click on the "Interfaith Build" volunteer event
7. Click "Sign up"
8. Confirm your sign up

For assistance registering for volunteer opportunities, please contact Andrea Ward, Volunteer Workforce Manager, at 812-423-5623 ext. 33 or at [award@evansvillehabitat.org](mailto:award@evansvillehabitat.org) Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of Evansville. We hope you have a great time!



We welcome Mike Dahl to our church family.

Welcome Our New Members

Mike joined the church on Sunday, September 3, 2017.

## Sis. Joanna's Table

This Saturday September 9th is Eastminster's weekend to serve lunch at Sister Joanna's Table. The soup kitchen is located in the back of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church on 1st Street in downtown Evansville. I would like to invite all officers and church staff to attend. We will begin prep work and cooking at 9am, and we are always done and cleaned up by 1:30 or so. It is always a good time, and Jenny and I would love to see a great turnout this month. If you are able and plan on attending, please let us know, so that we have an idea of the help we will have. Thank you and God bless.



Chris Kuhs



Sympathy is extended to Gary Van Zandt & family in the death of Gary's brother Walt, who passed away August 30, 2017.



## The Parlor Book Club

On Wednesday, September 20, at Noon in the Church Parlor we will be hosting another book club. This month's selection is Any Dream Will Do by Debbie Macomber. Please feel free to bring a sack lunch with you if you like.

## Ladies' Night Out September 12 at 6:15 PM



We will be going to Knob Hill for our Ladies' Night Out get together on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:15 p.m. Due to policy changes with Knob Hill we will not be allowed to sit on the deck. Seating is limited to 14 so reservations are a must and needed by Saturday, September 9. Please contact the church to sign up. Thank you!

2017 Hurricane Harvey



Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. - Song of Solomon 8:7

Hurricane Harvey may have been downgraded, but the torrential rains are still pounding parts of Texas and Louisiana. Historic flooding has forced rivers and streams from their banks and submerged homes, churches, businesses and roads, stranding thousands of people. We are relying on the generosity of Presbyterians to provide financial and hands-on support to help the whole church stand with these communities and the Presbyterian family as it response to its neighbors.

The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" - Give. Act. Pray

**GIVE:** Please give generously to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. **Please make your check payable to Eastminster clearly marked in the memo field "HARVEY".**

**ACT:** Put together Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas - hygiene kits and cleanup buckets are especially needed. For more info, got to [pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/](http://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/).

**PRAY:** God, our Shelter, be a strong presence in the lives of neighbors who, having survived the winds and rains of Harvey, now face grief, uncertainty and weary days. May our generosity in prayer and in tangible signs of support overflow more than flood waters, to sustain your work of healing and rebuilding and to bring comfort and strength to those who suffer. Amen.

